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Indictment being prepared

Mizrahi's Meir to be charged

Jerusalem Post Staff
Bank Mizrahi and its former managing director Aharon Meir will be charged with committing criminal offenses in the course of bank-share regulation, the Justice Ministry announced yesterday. A police investigation into the case has been completed, the statement said, adding, however, that police are still investigating the activities of Bank Hapoalim and Bank Discount. The State Attorney's office is now preparing indictments against Meir and Bank Mizrahi.

The indictments will deal with two separate areas, the announcement said, the first concerning suspicions that Bank Mizrahi made the giving of credit to a client conditional on his purchasing of bank shares as collateral. The second concerns suspicions that deals were arranged between banks and brokers guaranteeing an agreed price for bank shares after the stock exchange was closed following the October, 1983 bank-share collapse.

Bank Mizrahi could not be reached for comment last night. Bank Discount refused to comment, except to say that the bank was not aware of any investigation currently being conducted against it or its employees. A bank spokesman pointed out that evidence presented to the Bejski Commission of Inquiry would not be admissible in court proceedings.

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir had asked the Bank of Israel to pass on complaints from bank clients

that were given misleading advice just prior to the collapse of the bank shares.

The Justice Ministry announcement explained that this request concerned advice aimed at inducing customers to buy bank shares, or to forestall their selling them, at a time when it was reasonable to expect that share prices were about to fall significantly.

The central bank passed on complaints that Bank Discount had given misleading advice, the statement said, and the police are investigating.

Bank Hapoalim, the announcement went on, is suspected of setting up dummy companies to facilitate the regulation of its bank shares, and of operations in breach of currency restrictions. Police are investigating.

The statement said that immediately after the bank shares crash, the attorney-general asked the Securities Authority to investigate the possibility of bank officials making illegal use of inside information to sell off their bank shares in the days immediately prior to the crash. In accordance with directives issued by the attorney-general, high-ranking Bank of Israel and Treasury officials were also asked to detail any transactions they had made in bank shares in the period just before the crash.

Bank of Israel officials yesterday declined to comment on the announcement, since the indictments do not concern the central bank.



French singer-actor Yves Montand shakes hands with a local admirer upon his arrival yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport. He told KOL Yisrael that he wanted to embark on his own peace initiative to "open the road" between Israel and Jordan. Montand is to hold an open-air concert in the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem tonight, in aid of Soviet Jewry. (Brunson)

Likud weighs 'triumvirate' to oversee GSS activities

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

Likud ministers are floating the idea of having Prime Minister Peres and former prime ministers Yitzhak Shamir and Yitzhak Rabin take collective responsibility for the activities of the General Security Services, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

One minister who is said to favor the idea is Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, who has kept an uncharacteristically low profile since the GSS controversy broke 10 days ago.

A close associate of Levy's said yesterday that Levy had kept silent so far because of the political sensitivity and complexity of the issues. "Just about anything he says will be construed as an attack on Shamir," the source said. "But when he keeps silent, he is accused of leaving Shamir in the lurch."

Peres, Rabin and Shamir have cooperated closely in the handling of the case since February, which is when Rabin maintains that he was first informed. Peres has known about the alleged cover-up since October last year, according to his associates.

The Likud ministers evidently believe that the assumption of collective responsibility by Peres, Shamir and Rabin would deflect the political repercussions of the controversy and limit the security damage of an investigation.

"In the worst event, an inquiry will find that the head of the GSS acted in keeping with the policy of both the Likud and the national unity governments and had the full support of the political echelon," the source said.

There is little doubt among Likud MKs that both Shamir and Peres knew of the alleged GSS cover-up. For that reason, few coalition MKs, from either Labour or the Likud, expect the current tension between the two parties to erupt in a full-fledged coalition crisis.

But Likud ministers have been angered by what they regard as an "in-house" Alignment arrangement to find a solution to the crisis. Specifically, they referred to at least two meetings hosted by Peres at which only Alignment ministers were present, in addition to Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein (of Shinui) and GSS head Avraham Shalom and his attorney.

The controversy has also given rise to tensions within the parties. "Shamir handled the whole thing terribly," said the associate of David Levy. "He finds it difficult to adapt to life outside of the underground or the Mossad."

The feeling in the Likud is that Shamir deceived former defence minister Moshe Arens when he allowed Arens to establish an inquiry into the bus hijacking and failed to inform Arens of his collusion with the head of the GSS, Arens, who is regarded as Shamir's closest party colleague, has not hidden from his associates his disappointment and anger with Shamir.

The tension between Peres and Rabin is less apparent, though Rabin has taken pains to stress that he only found out about the case in February. It is thought to be highly unlikely that Rabin would agree to participate in a gesture of collective responsibility for something in which he was not involved.

Shamir still opposes probe

Peres resigned to investigation of GSS affair

By BENNY MORRIS
and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Correspondents

Prime Minister Peres implied yesterday that he had resigned himself to an investigation of the General Security Services affair. It remained to be decided what sort of inquiry should be undertaken to ensure maximum security, he intimated.

Vice Premier Shamir meanwhile reiterated his firm opposition to any investigation, stating that he believed it would destroy the GSS.

The focus of the affair yesterday switched to new Attorney-General Yosef Harish, who spent the day with Justice Minister Yitzhak Mod-

Court of Justice, which was scheduled to reconvene on Thursday. It was Zamir's refusal to argue the GSS case in court against former GSS operative, plaintiff Rafi Malka, that sparked the crisis 10 days ago. Harish is likely to ask the court for a postponement until he is ready to decide whether and how he will handle the government's response.

The precise nature of any inquiry remains largely in the hands of Harish, who may well opt for a cancellation of the police inquiry and the setting up of some type of judicial commission.

At the Sunday night meeting between Peres and his senior aides in the affair—including Cabinet Secretary Yoram Ben-Zion and Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein—it was decided that there was no preventing an inquiry of some sort. This was also brought home to GSS chief Avraham Shalom and his lawyer, Ram Caspi, who attended the meeting.

There was speculation in Jerusalem yesterday that, given the new situation brought about by the switch in attorney-generals, Shalom might yet see resignation as the best possible way out of this impasse. Zamir, weeks ago, offered the GSS head and several of his aides the option of resigning in exchange for a waiver of investigation and prosecution. This type of "deal" might appeal even more strongly to Peres and Shalom now that it is clear that the alternative is a certain investigation of one sort or another.

Appearing yesterday at the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Peres said he had the authority to try and influence the attorney-general to ensure that any inquiry maintain absolute secrecy, while at the same time probe the allegations in such a way that suspects could plead their case under fair conditions.

"I cannot order the attorney-general to tell the police to halt the probe which he asked them to launch," Peres said. "Only the attorney-general can withdraw the instruction to the police."

Peres said that in no democratic country did legal institutions and legal considerations treat operational situations involved in state security in the same light as ordinary civil cases.

Peres said that members of the GSS are "soldiers who do not wear uniform" and belong to a civilian organization which is active operationally.

Peres recalled that he was appointed prime minister, not only after the Ashkelon bus affair, but also after the Zorea enquiry had ended, and after the Blattman enquiry was constituted.

"I did not intervene in any way. I did not take upon myself the right to probe the actions of my predecessor in the past and I shall not do so in the future," he said. "And by that I do not intend to imply accusations against anybody."

Peres said that if Zamir had opted to serve for another two years, he personally would have welcomed that, despite the differences of opinion which have cropped up.

Zealots to continue attacks on bus stops

By YORAM GAZIT
for The Jerusalem Post

The ultra-Orthodox plan to continue spray-painting "obscene" advertising posters on bus stop shelters, David Gottlieb, brother of a rabbi convicted of such acts, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. Rabbi Gottlieb's sentence for vandalizing three bus stops in central Jerusalem recently will be handed down today.

Gottlieb added that, according to Jewish law, it was a *mitzva* (religious commandment) to paint the offending advertisements, and said that 10 rabbis and Orthodox notables would carry out this duty every day.

Rabbi Gottlieb, who was already sentenced to three months' imprisonment for a similar offence last week, was represented in court yesterday by another rabbi.

Pinas Keller who was tried with Rabbi Gottlieb, was sentenced yesterday to three months in jail, a NIS 600 fine, a NIS 450 remunera-

tion payment to Media Poster company, and a NIS 100 fine for having sprayed a passer-by with black paint. In addition, he received a four-month suspended jail sentence.

Police clashed with ultra-Orthodox men during the trial, after Judge Miriam Epstein ordered Gottlieb's mother out of the courtroom, because she had shouted at the Judge. When the woman refused to leave, policemen carried her out, triggering a scuffle which continued outside the courtroom.

Border Police who were called to the scene helped police disperse the ultra-Orthodox crowd. Three men were arrested.

In another incident, a Jerusalem taxi driver and his passengers yesterday caught nine ultra-Orthodox men spray painting a bus shelter in the capital's Rehov Aza. The taxi driver and his passengers seized the vandals, and turned them over to police.



Two of the nine ultra-Orthodox men caught spray painting a Jerusalem bus shelter yesterday are handcuffed and arrested while a Rehavia neighbourhood crowd watches. (Yitzhak Harari)

Israeli envoys amazed at Sharir's U.S. tour

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir's arrival here yesterday to meet with U.S. Vice President George Bush was received with amazement by Israeli diplomats in the capital, since Bush is to come to Israel anyway next month.

The current visit is Sharir's second tour of the U.S. in two months. He is in Washington to give Bush a message from President Chaim Herzog asking the U.S. administration to urge Americans to visit Israel, despite recent terror threats.

The Tourism Ministry recently opened a Washington branch, explaining that it needed a representative in Washington for contacts with the Reagan administration.

Police bar night-walk by Gush Emunim

Police refused yesterday to allow Gush Emunim to hold a nocturnal march around the Temple Mount to mark Jerusalem Day. KOL Yisrael reported.

The movement planned the nighttime walk in an area where a number of Arab villages are situated. It was to end with an audio-visual show opposite the Temple Mount.

World Cup wins for Soviets and Argentina

Post Sports Staff
The goals began to flow in the Mexico World Cup yesterday as the Soviet Union trounced Hungary 6-0 and Argentina beat outsiders South Korea 3-1.

The Soviets raced to a 2-0 lead after only four minutes and completely dominated a lacklustre Hungarian side that showed little style in defence or attack. The Soviets even enjoyed the luxury of a second half penalty miss, as substitute Vadim Yevrushenko fired over the bar.

Diego Maradona inspired the Argentinian side, with Real Madrid striker Jorge Valdano scoring twice. (More World Cup — Page 3)

New York Times reports:

More arrests expected in Pollard spy case

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — At least one other American citizen will be arrested as part of the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal, columnist William Safire reported yesterday in *The New York Times*.

Safire, who did not identify the American, said that an Israeli officer will also be accused in the case. *The Los Angeles Times* reported last Friday that an Israeli Air Force officer has been implicated in the U.S. espionage ring, which it said was broader than originally reported.

Safire, normally very supportive of Israel, yesterday rejected Israel's denials of such reports. "I suspect the charges are not baseless," he wrote. "We can now expect to be treated to revelations about Israeli spying in the U.S., followed by increasingly implausible denials from Mr. Peres that he knew anything about this operation."

The White House yesterday refused to comment on these Pollard-related reports. Spokesman Ed Djerejian explained that the matter was still under investigation by the Justice Department.

Other administration officials have said that Pollard was very close to reaching a plea-bargain with the federal prosecutors. *The New York Times* yesterday said that some announcements could come as early as this week.

The former civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy is expected to cooperate with the investigation as part of the arrangement.

Safire wrote that Pollard "has apparently been talking to save his skin."

The columnist said that the behaviour of Prime Minister Peres and Foreign Minister Shamir in the continuing scandal involving the head of the GSS merely reinforced the notion of an official Israeli attempt to cover-up the Pollard affair.

Mandelbaum yet to quit

By AVI TEMKIN

Despite his previous promises to resign yesterday Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum did not in fact relinquish his post.

Israel Radio reported late last night that Mandelbaum would only submit a letter of resignation when his successor had been named.

Mandelbaum had declared on Sunday that he would tender his resignation, in compliance with the Bejski Commission's recommendations, after yesterday presenting the Bank of Israel's annual report to the Knesset Finance Committee.

Bank of Israel officials said yesterday that the governor was due to depart today for a private visit to the U.S. They said the resignation was regarded as the Governor's personal affair.

Meanwhile yesterday, Labour and the Likud continued to argue over a replacement for Mandelbaum.

The Likud is again putting Prof. Michael Bruno's name forward. Likud sources said Deputy Finance Minister Adiel Amori (Alignment) was not an acceptable candidate.

Experts to tell Peres steps taken so far 'insufficient'

Stricter water discipline needed

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Top water experts are to tell Prime Minister Peres today that the Agriculture Ministry's measures on the water shortage are insufficient, and that far stricter measures must be adopted.

The experts, whose warnings Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin did not heed, are meeting Peres to try to convince him that water use in the coming year must be cut by some 300 million cubic metres, more than double the cutback proposed by Nehamkin.

Some of the experts are also said to be pushing for a commission of inquiry on what they consider the grave

mismanagement of the country's water supplies in the past five years.

Dr. Uri Marinov, head of the Interior Ministry's Environmental Protection Service, warned last night that unless drastic action is taken now, the country will run dry in about 10 years. Nehamkin had ordered a 10-15 per cent cut in water use for all sectors this year.

One of the experts to meet with Peres, Prof. Hillel Shoval of the Hebrew University, said they will demand that the government refuse the Agriculture Ministry's request to cut the price of water to farmers, which is already subsidized by 50 per cent. He said they also wanted a shake-up in the country's water authorities.

Shoval said yesterday: "The crisis we are facing now is the result of serious mismanagement by the water commissioner and by the Ministry of Agriculture over the last five years. They have opened the faucets to agriculture irresponsibly."

Warning that not only the quantity, but the quality of the water is endangered, Marinov added, "We should cut supplies immediately by at least 20 per cent across the board, and take action to stop all forms of pollution."

"We got to this position by doing the same with water as we did with bank accounts. But you can print money, you can't print water."



A grieving mother yesterday strokes the stone with the names of the 54 victims of the crash of an Air Force helicopter nine years ago in the Jordan Valley. Yesterday's memorial service, at the site of the crash, was attended by O/C Central Command Ehud Barak. (Dan Landau)

Moscow's Marxist blunder

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Soviet authorities recently confiscated two of Karl Marx's books (in Hebrew) from a prominent Israeli visitor to Moscow, while letting him keep a Hebrew prayer book.

Shlomo Avineri, professor of political science at the Hebrew University and former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, was in Moscow last week at the invitation of the Soviet Academy of Sciences to participate in a colloquium on dialectical philosophy.

On arrival at Moscow's international airport, his baggage was searched and customs inspectors confiscated a translation into Hebrew of Marx's *Early Writings* and a new Hebrew translation of the Marx-Engels classic, *The Communist Manifesto*. Avineri pleaded with the head of the customs unit for half an hour, but failed to retrieve the books.

Avineri, who returned to Israel at the weekend, said the two books had the English titles on the back flaps. He added that a Hebrew prayer book he carried was inspected but not confiscated.

The story, which became the joke of the colloquium, caused the Soviet academicians "acute embarrassment," he said.

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Tiberias	19	18-41	40
Naasareth	33	—	34
Sharmat	33	17-31	31
Sharmat	47	18-35	35
Tel Aviv	70	20-28	29
B-C Airport	63	18-29	30
Jericho	26	20-37	37
Gaza	88	27-36	36
Beersheva	83	19-30	30
Eilat	24	23-38	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel greeted at the Knesset yesterday the justice minister of El Salvador, Mr. Julio Alfredo Samoya.

ARRIVALS

Former U.S. ambassador Samuel Lewis, and his wife, Sally, for a visit.

Lord Bernstein, Arthur Brody, Harry Dymally, Joseph and Rosalee Guggenheim, Sylvia Hasefeld, Ben and Jeannette Karsky, Martin and Susan Lipton, Allen and Pam Modell, Kurt Salzen, Donald Sanderson, Sam Sebbin, Lois Siegel, Kiy Ugar, Lord Weidenfeld - for the 25th Anniversary International Gathering of the Jerusalem Foundation.

Mayors will not preside over municipal councils

Post Knesset Reporter
Mayors will no longer preside over municipal council meetings, but will be replaced by a council chairman, under a new law which passed its first reading in the Knesset last night. Mordchai Virshupski (Shinu) had initiated the bill.

Virshupski said that the change, which was one of the recommendations of the Sanbar Committee, was a further step towards the separation of powers in local government.

Another bill which was passed yesterday lengthens the tenure of local councils from four to five years.

ARTUKOVIC. - Zagreb District Court authorities formally delivered a sentence of death to Andrija Artukovic for war crimes and served notice that his 15-day period for appeal had begun, the national Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported yesterday.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Official hits Benvenisti report on Gaza Strip

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Coordinator of Activities in the Territories Shmuel Goren charged yesterday that the recent Benvenisti report on conditions in the Gaza Strip contained lies. He added that Israel has no funds to equalize conditions in the Strip to those inside Israel.

Speaking to reporters during a tour of the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River, Goren said the report's reference to mice and blood-stained sheets at Gaza's Shifa Hospital "took much more than gall to write and is much worse than an untruth." He said more than \$2.5 million had been invested in the hospital recently.

"Israel can't equalize services in the territories to those inside Israel simply because there isn't enough money," Goren said.

He denied that Israel was making a profit on the Strip. His deputy, Freddy Zach, said that income taxes paid by Gazans working in Israel made up only a small part of the government contribution to the Gaza budget. Other payments by Gazans, such as VAT, were returned to the Gaza civil administration and Gaza residents also enjoy government subsidies on basic food items, he said.

Goren said the infant mortality rate in the Strip was much lower than in neighbouring Arab states. Most babies in Gaza were now born in hospitals.

Goren said that despite calls on Israel from abroad to improve the quality of life in the territories, "We have seen no readiness on the part of these countries, except the U.S., to help the residents of the territories. There is almost no positive action on the part of European nations, neither in the West Bank nor Gaza. Aid from the U.S. is moving very slowly. We are ready to accept any assistance, providing it's for positive goals," he said.

Goren said Israel had invested some one million shekels in improving facilities at the Allenby Bridge terminal, and said technical improvements would be made in security measures so that crossing the river "could be as normal as possible."

Goren's visit to the bridge marked the second day of the five-month-long summer visits season, during which some 2,500 visitors from Jordan and other Arab states are expected daily to visit the territories and Israel for periods of up to three months.

'Nobel' doctors opening drive to bar N-arms

FRANKFURT (AP). - The American co-president of a Nobel Prize-winning physicians' group said yesterday he was flying to the Soviet Union to begin the first leg of a year-long global campaign against nuclear arms.

"We will leave today for Moscow, where we will meet with doctors and political leaders to discuss the medical consequences of nuclear war and the arms race," said Dr. Bernard Lown, a cardiologist at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Speaking before his afternoon flight to Moscow, Lown said members of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War would visit Asia, Africa, Europe and North and South America during the next 12 months.

The doctors' group on Sunday completed a four-day congress in Cologne, where Lown said in a closing statement: "The idea of pointing nuclear missiles at entire nations is without precedent in moral depravity."



Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon wears sterile gear during his visit yesterday to the silicon wafer-producing facility of the new National Semiconductor plant in Migdal Ha'Emek. (Giora Saloni)

Sharon insists 'there's no unemployment'

By DAVID RUDGE
MIGDAL HA'EMEKE. - There is no unemployment in Israel, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon declared here yesterday.

There are plenty of jobs, but those looking for work do not always accept them, he said.

Sharon, who spent the day in this development town as the guest of the local council, said that there are pockets of unemployment throughout the country and problems of low wages in some factories, "but there is no unemployment."

Thousands of people come to work in towns like Migdal Ha'Emek, which he described as a shining ex-

ample of a development town that has succeeded. In the case of Migdal Ha'Emek the figure was 2,000.

Sharon also asserted that there is no shortage of funds for development. There has never been a case of a factory's establishment being delayed or hampered for lack of funds, he said.

He strongly criticized those who charge that development in Judea, Samaria and Gaza is at the expense of development in other parts of the country.

The minister spoke to reporters following a meeting with local industrialists who had complained about low profit margins on exports.

Sharon is due to meet with Prime Minister Peres and other ministers tomorrow to discuss his programme to stimulate exports. He said a more daring programme was needed, and if implemented, would help to boost local industry's exports to \$1 billion this year, \$400 million more than the target figure.

The minister declined to answer any questions relating to the General Security Services affair.

Sharon was given a warm reception by local leaders, including the chief rabbi, and later went on a tour of factories, including the new National Semiconductor plant.

Shamir rejects expansion of territory for Unifil troops

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel yesterday again turned down a UN proposal that it move its troops in Southern Lebanon back to the international frontier, with Unifil deploying in the evacuated areas. At a meeting with UN undersecretary Marrek Goulding, Foreign Minister Shamir yesterday politely turned down the UN proposal that Israel withdraw its troops in Southern Lebanon by stages but praised Unifil, saying that Israel was convinced the force was acting with Israel's and Lebanon's interests at heart.

Shamir attributed what he called "the quiet" on the border to the Israeli presence and the South

Lebanese Army activities.

Shamir said that the PLO was striving to return to Southern Lebanon and Israel could not rely on Unifil to battle the PLO and the Hizbollah. Shamir said that Israel was willing to consider "reasonable proposals" that could reinforce security in the south, but meanwhile there was no substitute for the S.L.A.

Unifil's mandate expires in July. Before then, Goulding must submit a report to the Security Council describing the situation and the steps he has taken to implement UN Security Council Resolution 425 (1978) which calls for Unifil to be deployed down to the international frontier.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Peres tells Vance about peace process

Prime Minister Peres yesterday reviewed the state of peace efforts in the Middle East at a working luncheon he gave for the former U.S. secretary of state Cyrus Vance. The prime minister stressed that it was essential that efforts continue, an official press communique said.

Vance is to receive an honorary doctorate from Haifa University tomorrow evening. The university's International Board of Governors begins its 14th annual meeting tonight.

No preaching allowed

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Education Ministry has ordered schools not to allow teachers or guest speakers to urge pupils to become Orthodox.

The order, issued in the monthly circular from ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli, follows discussions in the Education and Culture Committee of the Knesset, in which parents and educators complained that attempts had been made to preach Orthodoxy during various educational activities.

Kibbutz being sued in cow-car mishap

HAIFA (Itim). - Kibbutz Kadarim, near Rosh Pina, is being sued for NIS12,000 for damage done to a car when it collided with one of the settlement's cows. The suit was filed by the vehicle's owner, Nasri Nasur, who claims that the cow was wandering on a public highway.

Fire destroys transformer

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. - Local officials of the Israel Electric Corporation are puzzled by a fire that destroyed one of its transformers at its power station near here yesterday morning. "We've ruled out sabotage, but have no idea how it happened," a spokesman said.

The fire caused a power failure in some parts of the city, but the corporation quickly restored power by operating alternative lines.

Ivri takes Defence post

Former Air Force Commander Aluf (Res.) David Ivri yesterday was appointed director-general of the Defence Ministry.

Morning radio popular

Some 1.5 million Israelis over the age of 18 listen to the radio between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., according to a Pori poll published in yesterday's *B'tot 86*, the advertising industry magazine.

The vast majority of listeners (661,000) listen to Alex Ansky's morning talk show 707, while 456,000 listen to the Second Programme's morning newsreel. Some 275,000 listen to the Third Programme's light music programme and 30,000 to the classical music station.

Nurses continue strike

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - Nurses at Kupat Holim Clalit's Beilinson Hospital yesterday continued their partial strike in protest against lack of progress in negotiations over wages and working conditions.

'Snake-snatchers may be stealing symbols'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Following the fourth snake theft in Tel Aviv in the past three months a leading Tel Aviv University zoologist said the thieves were probably disturbed teenagers with sexual obsessions.

"They're crazy about snakes," the zoologist said of the likely thieves, saying that the frustrated youths may see the snakes as phallic symbols.

At least two snakes were stolen Sunday night from the zoological gardens at Abu Kabir, police reported. It was the fourth recent theft from the site, bringing the total number of missing snakes to about 40, some poisonous.

The police have no leads on the whereabouts of the stolen snakes, or the identity of the thieves. In previous cases of stolen snakes, zoologists and Nature Reserve Authority workers investigated on their own and with the police's help recovered some of the snakes.

The police themselves made no progress and eventually closed the file against one man who was found in possession of some of the stolen snakes, zoologists said.

But one TAU zoologist was quite certain that the thieves were teenagers with an abnormal "affection" for snakes. "It's like drugs for them," he said.

Unlike ordinary snake lovers, people who steal snakes, according to the zoologist, have a "pathological" thing about snakes. Freud was very clear about it: frustrated youths with sexual inhibitions direct their

MIDDLE EAST

Beirut battle enters third week

BEIRUT (AP). - Shi'ite militiamen and Palestinians battled into a third week yesterday as upgraded Syrian efforts to end the war for control of Beirut's refugee camps ran up against snags.

Fierce battles with tanks, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns renewed after Brig. Gen. Ghazi Kenana, chief of the Syrian Army intelligence in Lebanon, concluded a meeting with Amal leader Nabih Berri without reaching a new cease-fire agreement. Druse leader Walid Jumblatt also attended the meeting.

Amal sources said Berri rejected a proposal that the Palestine National Salvation Front, a coalition of six pro-Syrian groups opposed to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, take over exclusive control of Sabra, Shatila and Bourj al-Barajneh camps.

PLO dissident vows to 'control' terror

AMMAN (Reuters). - Palestinian dissident leader Atallah Atallah said yesterday that as new chief of military forces in Fatah, he would not allow attacks on innocent people. "We oppose any operations against non-military targets, except the armed enemy (Israel) who is occupying our land," he said. "I will ensure that no member of the Fatah Asifa force is involved in military operations outside the occupied territory."

Iraq may spare Egyptians

Post Middle East Staff and Agencies
Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz indicated in Baghdad yesterday that the Iraqi government was upset by Egypt's quest for clemency in the case of 10 Egyptians facing death sentences there.

But Arab diplomatic sources in Baghdad gave the impression that President Saddam Hussein might commute the sentences.

Aziz said that Iraqi-Egyptian relations would not be affected by the case. It was discussed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid during his current visit to Baghdad.

Aziz told a news conference at the Foreign Ministry that the 10 men were arrested and tried by an Iraqi Revolutionary Tribunal on charges of "forgery and sabotaging the national economy."

Ya'ari breaks down as video is shown at start of her trial

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - The trial of Hava Ya'ari and Aviva Granot opened dramatically yesterday with a video film in which Ya'ari reconstructed the events leading to the death of Meia Malavski being screened in the courtroom.

Ya'ari, who is charged in the Tel Aviv District Court with Granot with the premeditated murder of Malavski, an American tourist, burst into tears when the film showed the site of the alleged murder.

The two defendants are charged with making an appointment with Malavski on March 10, 1985, driving her to a side road near the Tel Aviv beach where they hit her on the head with a rolling pin and then ran over her with Ya'ari's car, crushing her skull.

The prosecution asked three witnesses to testify yesterday. Pakad Shmuel Berger showed the court, the pictures of Malavski's body that were taken at the scene of the crime on the night of the alleged murder and on the following day. He also showed the court pictures of bloodstains the police found on the passenger seat in Ya'ari's husband's white Subaru which she drove on the night of the alleged murder.

Ethi Gonen, a transsexual who frequents the Tel Aviv beach, told the court how she had found the body on the night of the alleged murder. She testified that she had seen a white car leaving the area a short time before that.

Malavski's body was found by Ethi Gonen, who drove with a client to a secluded place on a dirt road near the beach at about 6:30 p.m. on March 10.

The body which was thought at first to be that of a prostitute, was identified on the following day as Malavski's.

Hava Ya'ari, who according to Malavski's relatives, was supposed to meet Malavski at 5:45 on the night of the murder in Tel Aviv was questioned by police in the Dan region.

She told her investigators that she had arrived late for the meeting and that Malavski had already left. She also said that she was driving her red Golf car that night.

The case remained unsolved until December 1985 and the investigation team came to believe that it was a case of hit-and-run accident.

However, a letter written to Michael Hadad, the head of the investigation team, by an unidentified woman, said that Malavski was seen on the night of her alleged murder wearing a beret while getting into a taxi with Gaza licence plates.

Police did not find the beret at the site of the crime and the investigators suspected that the woman who had sent the letter knew the deceased, saw her on the night of the alleged murder and tried to obstruct the investigation.

Later on, it was discovered that the deceased had a bank account in the Rehov King George branch of the Bank Hapoalim in Jerusalem where Ya'ari worked from October 1982 to December 1983. Ya'ari was then arrested on January 13, 1986. After that, she gave police different versions of her involvement in Malavski's death. It was the last version which was shown in video before the court yesterday.

In the film, Ya'ari admits that she and Granot picked up Malavski on the night of her death at the corner of Rehov Dizengoff and King George in Tel Aviv, and drove her to the Tel Aviv beach.

They tried to convince Malavski to return to Ya'ari \$25,000 that she owed her. But Malavski got frightened, opened the door of the car, fell out and was killed.

According to Ya'ari, Granot checked Malavski's pulse. Seeing that she was dead, Granot told her not to report the death and to get rid of the body.

Dressed in a white shirt and blue jeans, Ya'ari continuously wiped her tears. She exchanged glances with her sister and her husband, Ehud, but did not look in the direction of Granot sitting next to her.

Bronfman declares Waldheim is 'a liar'

BY JERRY LEWIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. - Kurt Waldheim last night was branded an "amoral and unrepentant liar" by World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman. Waldheim's election as Austria's president would give "symbolic amnesty for the Holocaust."

Bronfman attacked the "selective moral amnesia" which Waldheim had come to symbolize.

Waldheim had provided a new term for medical dictionaries, "Waldheim's disease," which he defined "being unable to remember if you were a Nazi."

Bronfman was addressing a fund-raising dinner to mark the 20th anniversary of the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research arm of the World Jewish Congress.

His speech coincided with the release of a 95-page WJC dossier entitled *Waldheim, the missing years*, which itemises all the known and available documentation on the former UN secretary-general. It reproduces Waldheim's secret UN file, which recorded the verdict of the 1948 UN War Crimes Commission that said Waldheim should stand trial for "murder" and for "putting hostages to death."

The dossier has been transmitted to the U.S. Justice Department. The WJC has reiterated earlier calls to the U.S. attorney-general to implement the recommendation of his department's Office of Special Investigations that Waldheim be barred from entering the U.S.

Waldheim had over the last 40 years lied about his past, lied about when he was in the German army, and about where he had served, Bronfman said. He also lied about what he did during his military service.

Bronfman said the major issue was neither the Austrian election nor Waldheim himself. Whether Waldheim won or lost was "irrelevant." He was concerned with what Waldheim symbolised, Bronfman said.

The public had been asked to believe that in a titanic moral struggle that took the lives of millions of people there had been no distinction between aggressors and victims and that the events and horrors that should never be forgotten, no longer mattered, Bronfman said.

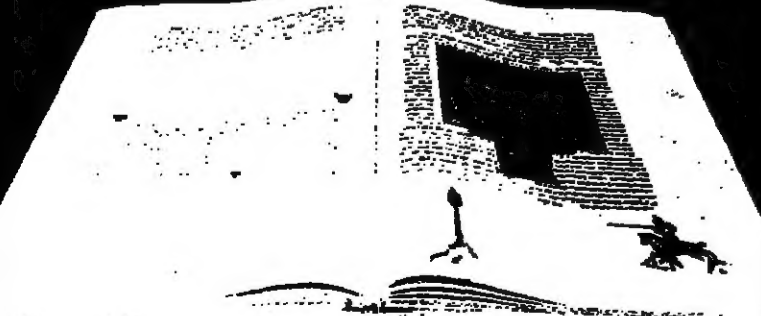
Turning to the plight of Soviet Jewry, the WJC president said the issue had been complicated by Soviet Jews having become hostages to U.S.-Soviet relations.

On his recent trips to the Soviet Union, he had tried to convince Soviet officials that it would be in everyone's interest to inaugurate direct flights carrying Jews from Moscow to Tel Aviv. "I believe they may already be half convinced," he said.

He expected to make many more trips to the Soviet Union and he was optimistic that as mutual trust grew the Soviets would be more forthcoming.

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FOREIGN NEWS / SPORTS

Yugoslavia claims Bonn hushed up nuclear leak

BELGRADE (Reuters). — Yugoslavia yesterday accused West Germany of hiding the truth about a radiation leak at a nuclear reactor at Hamm, in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

"The hushing up of the accident is an act of deception," the official newspaper *Borba* said in a commentary.

In West Germany, State Economics Minister Reimut Jochimsen accused the local power company of failing to notify the authorities in time. The company, which operates the high-temperature reactor United Electricity Works of Westphalia, denied the charge.

Borba said, "It is hardly probable that the management of the damaged plant could have alone successfully concealed the accident and ascribed the increased radiation round the plant and in the vast Rhine area to a radiation plume from Chernobyl," a reference to the April 26 accident in the Soviet Ukraine.

The Hamm experimental reactor was shut down Sunday by the government while investigations continue into the May 4 leak. It began test operations in January.

Yugoslavia lost \$25 million from a West European ban on its food exports after the Soviet accident, and the political fallout also led to the shelving of at least two nuclear power projects in Yugoslavia.

Also yesterday about 40 farmers in tractors and combine harvesters set up a blockade on roads leading to the reactor and demanded that it be closed permanently in the Ruhr town of Hamm, a police spokesman said.

Experts said the amount of radiation that escaped was not dangerous.

Nakasone dissolves lower house

TOKYO (Reuters). — Yasuhiro Nakasone, one of the toughest and craftiest Japanese prime ministers, overrode stiff objections from the opposition and some in his own party yesterday and dissolved the lower house of parliament for an early general election on July 6.

The cabinet yesterday set the date of the election 18 months ahead of schedule, to be held in tandem with already scheduled polls for the less powerful upper house.

Political analysts said the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) would almost certainly be returned to power but that Nakasone's own political future would hinge on the size of his majority.

Shin Kanemaru, Nakasone's right-hand man as LDP secretary-general, set a target at 270 lower house seats. The party and its allied New Liberal Club (NLC) now controls 257 seats in the 511-seat lower house.

A twin election like that which was held in 1980, is likely to boost voter turnout and will help the LDP and the major opposition Japan Socialist Party (JSP), 110 seats, to collect undecided votes at the expense of smaller parties.

Gromyko hits U.S. stand on Salt-2

Threat to abandon pact slammed as 'major political blunder'

MOSCOW. — Soviet president Andrei Gromyko told British parliamentarians yesterday that a U.S. threat to break the 1972 Salt-2 arms treaty was a "high explosive charge" and a major political blunder.

Gromyko's words, quoted by Labour parliamentarian Martin Flannery, were the strongest so far from a top Kremlin official on President Reagan's decision not to abide by limits on strategic arms after the end of this year.

"Salt-2 has been dealt blow after blow," Gromyko was quoted as telling the British team, led by Deputy Prime Minister William Whitelaw, at a Kremlin meeting.

Gromyko, 76, also said the Kremlin believed the American people opposed the Washington decision, which has not been supported by its European NATO allies. The NATO foreign ministers ended a meeting at Halifax, Nova Scotia, last Friday.

Reagan said last Tuesday he would not feel bound by the treaty's limitations on strategic nuclear weapons in future unless the Soviets showed willingness to correct what Washington contends are violations of the unratified 1979 accord.

The Soviet union responded Saturday by denying any violation and saying it would break with the accord if the Americans did.

Denis Healey, Foreign Affairs spokesman for the opposition Labour Party, quoted Gromyko as urging Britain to encourage the U.S. towards negotiation with the Soviet Union on arms issues.

Healey, whose party is committed to scrapping the British nuclear arsenal, said Reagan's decision to break out of the accord so close to a time when a new U.S.-Soviet summit was expected was "imagination-boggling."

Whitelaw and Healey, whose 14-strong delegation saw Kremlin Chief Mikhail Gorbachev last week, said the Soviet leadership stressed a strong desire to reach accords on arms reductions.

The delegation ended its 10-day visit yesterday. (Reuters, AP).



Hundreds of carefully placed skulls mark the area of one of Uganda's notorious "killing fields," where during Ugandan president Milton Obote's 5-year rule, government troops are estimated to have slaughtered between 300,000 and 500,000 people. These skulls were found in May. (AFP telephoto)

Aquino convenes basic law commission

Draft of new constitution expected within 90 days

MANILA (Reuters). — President Corason Aquino convened a commission yesterday to draft a constitution that will determine the kind of government the Philippines will have in the future.

She said she expected the 50-member group to present a new charter in 90 days for approval by the people in a plebiscite.

Aquino has swept into power by a civilian-backed military revolt that ended the 20-year rule of Ferdinand Marcos in February. She discarded a 1973 constitution that allowed Marcos to extend his tenure beyond his elected two terms.

"Please be quick," she told the commission, appointed last month, during its opening session. "Our whole nation is eager for a new constitution and the subsequent election."

Outside the National Assembly building where the session was held, 10 people were injured when police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse about 5,000 Marcos loyalists.

Twelve were arrested but most were later released, police said.

Aquino said elections for mayors and provincial governors would be called after the people ratified the new constitution.

The new constitution and the planned elections were expected to restore political stability and legitimize Aquino's rule amid criticisms on her sweeping powers and speculations on the country's political future.

Five prominent opposition personalities, former members of Marcos's New Society Movement party, have accepted appointments to the commission, but other opposition leaders said the commission should have been elected by the people.

Retired Supreme Court Judge Cecilia Muñoz-Palma, president of the commission, said major issues that would be taken up include the nature of government and a national bill of rights.

Yugoslav invents floating power plant

BELGRADE (Reuters). — Yugoslav inventor Radoljub Simovic, 54, has developed a floating hydro-electric power station he hopes will help solve future energy shortages, the Belgrade newspaper *Politika* Ekspres said yesterday.

The station can be easily dismantled and moved and operates on only a small water current, without the need for tons of concrete, storage lakes and logjams of conventional hydro-electric dams. It also leaves rivers open to navigation, the newspaper said.

It operates on a waterwheel principle and generates power ranging from one kilowatt to 200 megawatts, depending on the size and speed of the river. The watermill costs 4 million dinars (\$11,400) to build.

IN BRIEF

Key U.S. congressman held for drunk driving

RACINE, Wisconsin (Reuters). — Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee and one of the most powerful members of Congress, was arrested on a drunk driving charge, police said yesterday.

The Racine County sheriff's office said the incident occurred early Sunday. The Illinois democrat was released after posting a \$45 bail.

The sheriff's office said Rostenkowski, who has a summer home in the area, was stopped for speeding. The officer involved suspected he had been drinking, police said, but he refused to take a breath alcohol test.

Fire kills 6 nuns in Dublin convent

DUBLIN (Reuters). — Six elderly nuns died in a blaze that destroyed a 150-year-old Roman Catholic convent school in the centre of Dublin early yesterday.

Fire brigade officials said the nuns, aged between 60 and 83, were asleep on the top floor of a four-storey building housing Loreto College's living quarters, concert hall and science laboratory when the fire broke out. Fifteen other nuns were helped to safety.

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Mexican fans ignore early goal dearth

MEXICO CITY. — The World Cup finals enter their fourth day after an extended week-end of wild celebration and spontaneous street carnivals which brought parts of the capital to a complete halt.

Thousands of people gathered nightly at the city's landmark Independence Monument, blocking traffic, and swarming through the main Paseo de La Reforma boulevard festooned in sombreros, Mexican flags and banners.

Although the high spirits have at times frightened foreigners caught in the mobs, police have kept a low profile and there have been no reports of damage or injuries.

The celebrations have impressed foreign journalists and other observers as genuine high-spirited soccer fever but political analysts have detected in them a distinctly anti-government undertone.

Nor have the buoyant fans been out off by the fact that for the opening two days the hoped for high-scoring jamboree has failed to materialize.

Only four goals, and one of those extremely dubious, were scored in the first three matches of the competition, and organizers yesterday were waiting for a burst of goals to set the electric scoreboards alight.

After Sunday's action an Australian referee had upstaged the star players as the most talked-about performer of the finals.

Jordan's TV coverage is more extensive than expected. Two matches are being broadcast live every night, one at 9 p.m. and one at 1 a.m.

Chris Bambridge, acting without the benefit of a television replay which showed he had erred, ignored vehement Spanish appeals for a goal, so allowing former champions Brazil to win their opening Group D match in Guadalajara.

That 1-0 win was a highly significant result since Brazil, beset by problems, desperately needed a positive start to launch their challenge on an even keel, and without Bambridge's controversial decision it is unlikely they would have achieved it.

The decision to appoint an Australian to referee the important Brazil-Spain match caused some surprise.

But Bambridge, 40, who emigrated from England to Australia 10 years ago, is a seasoned official with international experience including the 1983 world youth championship in Mexico. His decision not to give Spain a goal yesterday cannot be criticized on the grounds that television showed the ball had crossed the line.

Bambridge said that he had consulted his linesman who had agreed the ball had not gone in.

France/Canada — the only other match on Sunday, also ended 1-0 with European champions France overcoming unexpectedly resilient



Canada in the first Group C match in Leon. Striker Jean-Pierre Papin, after some woeful finishing earlier in the game, made amends when he rammed in a close-range header after 79 minutes.

Papin saved the European champs from humiliation by scoring.



Canada's David Norman makes away with the ball after eluding a tackle from France's Thierry Tusseau during France's slender victory in Leon. (AFP)

Danish sagacity

QUERETERO (Reuters). — The wives and girlfriends of Denmark's World Cup team fly into Mexico today for a brief encounter with the players.

Danish trainer Sepp Piontek said he had encouraged all wives to come because he believed they would boost the players' morale. But he has decreed they will see husbands and boyfriends for only a few hours after Wednesday's opening game with Scotland.

Hana keeps her nerve

PARIS (Reuters). — U.S. Open champion Hana Mandlikova recovered from match point down to win 2-6 7-6 6-1 against strongly-fancied West German third seed Steffi Graf in their hard-fought French Open tennis championships quarter-final yesterday.

The result has set up an intriguing semi-final clash between Mandlikova and Chris Evert Lloyd, whom the Czech girl beat on her way to the U.S. title.

Lloyd conceded a set on her way to a 5-7 6-2 6-1 win over the 19th seeded Canadian Carling Bassett in another quarter-final.

In the men's event, French eighth seed Henri Leconte, enthusiastically backed by a partisan crowd, overcame yesterday's defeat to the last eight 6-1 6-2 6-1 against Argentina's Horacio De La Pena.

He made the powerful-limbed Soviet player Andrei Chesnokov, who had scored a shock straight-sets win over defending champion Mats Wilander and went through to the last eight in four sets against Mexico's Francisco Maciel.

Others through so far to the quarters include, among the men, Ivan Lendl, Anders Gornes and Guillermo Vilas, and among the women, Martina Navratilova and Mary Jo Fernandez.

TODAY'S ACTION

Robson is fit

Bryan Robson has won his fitness fight to lead a full-strength England team into their opening Group F game against Portugal at Monterrey tonight.

Robson, who has been struggling with an Achilles tendon injury, came through a full training session and afterwards declared himself available to play in a match that is sure to revive memories of the last World Cup encounter between the two countries.

That was in 1966 when England beat Portugal, including the great Eusebio, 2-1 in front of a partisan Wembley crowd on their way to their only World Cup triumph.

Portugal's centre forward that night, the tall and powerful Jose Torres, is now their manager, a post he took over following the nation's run to the semifinals at the 1984 European championships.

Nothing would be sweeter for him than a revenge victory over England.

Moment of truth

In Mexico City, striker Hugo Sanchez, elevated to near-sainthood by millions of his compatriots, meets his moment of truth when the host country take on Belgium in the opening Group B match.

Sanchez, top scorer in Spain last season for his club Real Madrid, is idolized in Mexico where the Spanish club's league and European matches are broadcast on television solely because of him.

Few Mexicans have seen him play in the flesh since his club commitments and injuries ruled him out of Mexico's preparatory games. Their chance comes in the difficult opener at the Aztec stadium.

The Belgians are well aware of what they will face. "We'll be playing not only the Mexican team, but the best, the altitude and the whole Mexican nation," said veteran goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

Positive Bingham

In the third game, also starting at 9 p.m., the issues between Algeria and Northern Ireland, two of the tournament's most experienced underdogs, boil down to a matter of stamina under the sun.

Guadalajara, though high in the mountains of western Mexico, is registering noon temperatures in the high 20s C, an apparent disadvantage for the Irish.

But, says Ireland coach Billy Bingham positively, "Who team could be fitter than ours. We know, however, it is impossible to do hard running for 90 minutes in such an environment. Remember, we're playing in Mexico, not Europe."

Morrison's dandy day

NEW YORK (AP). — Jim Morrison drove in seven runs with a grand slam, triple and double on Sunday, keying the Pittsburgh Pirates' 12-3 explosion against Los Angeles. His home run also touched off Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda.

Morrison's fifth-inning grand slam, the first of his career, came off Tom Niedenfuer and gave Pittsburgh a 9-2 lead. Lasorda disputed the blast, arguing for 10 minutes that Morrison had passed runner Tony Pena after rounding first base.

Morrison gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead with an RBI triple in the second off Bob Welch, 3-5.

Morrison hit a two-run double in the fourth and hit his grand slam — his eighth homer of the season — in the fifth.

Winner Rick Rhoden, 4-3, gave up seven hits, including home runs by Greg Brock and Franklin Stubbs.

Local horse joins Bliss in triumph

By JACK LEON

KIBBUTZ MISHMAR HA'EMEK. — Laurie Bliss, riding the only locally-bred horse, won the Hapoel Israel Horse Society's inaugural national show jumping championship held here over the weekend. London-born Bliss, 38, on his 14.2-hand high mare Dayana (the smallest mount in the show), edged his Jockey Club team-mate Ran Weinstein on Katyeng into second place in a tense jump-off between them.

Nancy Zeitlin and Yossi Avioni took joint third place in the championship, contested by the eight riders with the best overall results from among 120 who participated in a series of preliminary heats held during the past season. Nearly 1,000 spectators attended the festive gathering, at which the guest-of-honour was Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin.

The programme included a potluck event in memory of Dror Paz, a member of the kibbutz who fell in the Lebanon War. It was won by Zeitlin, while runner-up was Mishmar Ha'Emek member Noam Shapiro.

Zeitlin also gave a dressage performance together with Jane Swaleky.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S GAMES: Cleveland 9, Milwaukee 7; Chicago 6, Toronto 4; Boston 6, Minnesota 3; Kansas City 5, Texas 3; California 7, Baltimore 4; New York 7, Oakland 1; Seattle 9, Detroit 1.

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'Reasonable compromise' at UN special session

West to help if Africans reform their economies

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The special session of the UN General Assembly on the economic crisis in Africa ended Saturday night as a victory for reasonable compromise

and for the UN itself, diplomats said.

With high hopes for generous promises, Africans came to the special session on ways to deal with their continent's desperate economic

plight.

But recognizing reality, they compromised with the industrialized nations who must come up with large sums of aid and debt relief if the long-term economic development programme, approved by the session, is to succeed.

"The final document is a good beginning. We can't expect more than this at the beginning," said Zaire Foreign Minister Mandungu Bula Nyati.

Many Africans hoped major donors would commit themselves to high levels of aid and debt relief and to efforts at commodity price stabilization. An African document said the five-year economic recovery programme would need at least \$80 billion new aid and debt relief.

But the major donors, the U.S., France, Japan, Britain and West Germany, were unwilling to make such commitments. If the Africans had insisted, the industrialized delegates made it clear the session would fail and there would be no final document.

In the end, after six days of speeches and intense negotiation ending with an all-night session Saturday-Sunday, a document was agreed to.

In it the donors allowed the African statistics, such as the need for \$80b., to be included — labelled as African estimates — and stated

generally their willingness to help with aid and debt relief where agreed upon in conjunction with economic reforms taken by the African states.

"I suppose one could say it is just an expression of intention, but an expression of intention means something in this world," said Samuel Lewis, the Canadian UN envoy who chaired the committee which drafted the document.

"There are sufficient economic reasons to expect a dollars and cents commitment and debt moratorium down the road, if not tomorrow," said Nigerian Foreign Minister Bola Ajikoya. "If we don't recover you're not going to be able to sell to us."

"The African group is satisfied," said Senegal's Foreign Minister Ibrahim Fall, who led the African negotiating effort. "The international community has answered the appeal launched by Africans."

The special African session was the first ever held to consider the economic problems of a region.

No Korean summit

SEOUL (Reuters). — South Korean government officials yesterday denied press reports that the leaders of North and South Korea had agreed to meet, possibly as early as October.

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Burg vows to step down shortly, but meanwhile courts constituency

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party's elder statesman, Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg, is standing in today's internal party elections as a candidate for Ness Ziona, near Rehovot, far away from his Jerusalem Rehavia home. Burg quips that in this respect he is like British Premier Margaret Thatcher, who can no longer live in her Finchley constituency but instead resides at 10 Downing Street, in the heart of central London.

There will be no contest in the largely Yemenite village of Ness Ziona, because only 10 candidates are running for the 10 delegates' places allotted to the region. Nine of these candidates are locals with recognizably Yemenite names. Burg is the tenth.

Burg hotly denies that he fled Rehavia to avoid a challenge. He explains that the "nice people" of Ness Ziona made him an offer that he could not refuse.

Burg is not the only NRP man avoiding a contest close to home. Burg's Lamfeln faction strongman Rafael Ben-Natan and former MK Avraham Melamed are doing likewise. But party Secretary-General Zevulun Hammer, head of the rival NRP Youth faction, has chosen to face stiff competition in his home town of Bnei Brak.

The choice of constituencies is not the only bizarre aspect of these elec-

tions. More astounding is the fact that this is the first time in 13 years that NRP members have been given the opportunity to vote.

Burg said meanwhile that he would give up his cabinet post by the end of the month. He told Army Radio that the chairman of the party's executive committee would receive his letter of resignation "by July 1 at the latest."

Burg said he would not present his candidacy for a post of minister in the next cabinet, "but that the party will decide" if they wished to choose him again.

Today's vote promises to be a milestone in NRP annals, if for no other reason than because it will mark the first time ever that party members have voted for the 1,000 convention delegates on a personal rather than factional basis. These, after all, are the much touted reform elections, insisted upon by party rehabilitators Yitzhak Yaeger and Yeshayahu Privas.

Many in the party doubt whether much has changed in the NRP, however. The key question, they point out, concerns who will be doing the voting. Each faction will be trying to pack the convention with as many of its people as possible to win control in the expected bitter contests.

The original plan was that only those people who registered as NRP members during a three-month membership poll held recently would be eligible to vote today. The

poll was deliberately kept out of the hands of the notorious party machine, but despite a costly public relations campaign, only some 20,000 people bothered to sign up.

To avoid an embarrassingly low turn-out, the services of Ben-Natan and his party machine were enlisted and a miracle indeed occurred.

In the one month extension granted him, Ben-Natan boosted the party rolls to 155,000 registered members eligible to vote today.

Many NRP observers are asking how Ben-Natan managed in one month what the reformers failed to achieve in three. Among the new members who rallied to Ben-Natan's call were yeshivot rumoured to be non-Zionist (if not anti-Zionist). There are also some registered members who have long been laid to eternal rest, and there is at least one old age home in Bnei Brak whose residents are not aware that they are registered.

Such objections are brushed aside by the NRP establishment as "mere minor irregularities." The fact remains, however, that the NRP curiously has twice as many members (on paper) as voters. This puts it in a class of its own in the Israeli political arena. In the 1984 elections it garnered roughly 70,000 votes. If things are as the NRP politicians claim, then their party has made one of the most amazing comebacks in political history.



Yosef Burg

(Aliza Auerbach)

Did the Nazi Holocaust help create the state?

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A heated exchange over the Holocaust's role in the creation of Israel flared up yesterday among scholars at the International Congress on "Comprehending the Holocaust" in Haifa University's Strochitz Institute of Holocaust Studies.

Prof. George Steiner, the noted literature researcher of Geneva University and Cambridge, aroused the ire of Israeli participants when he quoted the late Nahum Goldmann that "the creation of the state can't be divided from the Holocaust," and that in effect Hitler created Israel.

Writer Haim Guri rebutted, saying that Israel was created in spite of the Holocaust "by a people crippled and orphaned by it. Only a miracle enabled us to save the state in the War of Independence."

Guri found it abhorrent that Israel's right to sovereignty, enjoyed by every remote tribe, "be conditional on the burning alive of a million Jewish children."

Hebrew University Professor Yehuda Bauer said that the Jewish masses of Eastern Europe, who were actively seeking to make their home in the Land of Israel, had been wiped out in the Holocaust.

"They were not theorizing about Zion," he said. "One third of the 3.3 million Jews of Poland cast their votes for Zionist candidates in the last municipal and Jewish organization elections before the war. So did the Jews of Romania, Lithuania and others."

"In fact the Holocaust destroyed the much finer basis for the establishment of the state and prevented its earlier establishment," Bauer said.

The debate over the Holocaust's relationship to Israel was inspired by Steiner, 57. He was born in France, the son of one of the early Zionists, and he spent the war in America. In the Diaspora, he said, "It is obvious, even banal, that the Holocaust can't be divided from the creation of the state, which was supported even by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin and funded with reparations from Germany."

"I don't understand the historical position of Guri and others who find

it unacceptable that Auschwitz and Treblinka were the price," he said. Steiner said that the horror of genocide had helped shape Israel's policy towards the Arab world, but he regretted what he called "the tragic necessity of Israeli super-patriotism, being armed to the teeth, and its policies in the occupied territories and on the frontiers. It is the horror of the Hitler legacy for Israelis to be patriots and soldiers."

But the Israelis disputed his view that Israel was creating the man of strength to the exclusion of the man of spirit, noting that already it was the centre of a flourishing scholarship in Judaism. Once peace comes, the Israeli, tempered by years of war, will soar in the realm of the spirit, they held.

Steiner suggested that Israel's net-emigration was caused by "a very deep contradiction between the genius of Judaism and nationalism. I believe man will only survive if we learn to be each other's guest and there's little time left," he held.

"I am a wanderer and my best passport as a Jew is the typewriter," he said. In September, Steiner is going to Peking to lecture on Shakespeare, at the invitation of the university there.

On the same theme, he said, "The mystery of Jewish survival must have a greater purpose than an armed nation-state. The great tradition of the Jewish prophets is one of internationalism, they never felt at home in Judea."

Asked whether he did not think that 2,000 years in the Diaspora was not too high a price for the Jewish creation of geniuses and thinkers, Steiner questioned whether the price of nationhood was not too high too for the Jewish people.

Steiner feels the great Holocaust literature is still to be written and that "German is the only language for it, because the Holocaust has been inside the German language ever since the creator of modern Germany, Martin Luther, called for the burning of the Jews in 1540. He added that it was no accident that the "only supreme poet" of the Holocaust, Paul Celan, wrote in German while regretting that he had to.

Volunteers warned of 'racist' kibbutzim

By JERRY LEWIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Advertisements discrediting kibbutzim are the subject of an investigation here by the Advertising Standards Authority.

Two of London's events-listing weeklies, *Time Out* and *City Limits*, as well as a national students' publication, recently carried an announcement in their classified columns, headed "Kibbutz?", with a short text inviting readers to find out "everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask."

But the address given in this advert was that of the Arab-British Centre in south west London. Inquirers received a leaflet saying that kibbutzim were "characterized by a high material standard of living, the use of hired labour and racist policies towards Arabs."

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Until the curtain is raised, it's the storm before the calm

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The multi-coloured flags hanging outside the Jerusalem Theatre since the first day of the festival hang limp in the sudden heat of summer. Inside the spacious, cool lobby of the Jerusalem Theatre, a guard sits listlessly at a cafe table, staring out into the empty plaza as he absent-mindedly unwraps the breakfast he brought in an old black briefcase.

In the morning, the only signs that there's a festival going on are to be seen in the backstage corridors and dressing rooms, offices and workshops, where there is a constant bustle of performers and organizers, technicians and hangers-on.

For some of the public, the festival begins every day at around 4 p.m., with some free performances ranging from a clown troupe to Gideon Oberson's bathing suits on parade.

For others, the festival takes place in the evenings, with tickets at slashed prices an hour before the shows, which are sometimes staged simultaneously in the three or four different halls in the theatre complex. But for the performers, directors and producers the festival day has neither a beginning nor an end.

Early in the morning, in the Sherover Theatre, technicians who have been at work all night, are still several hours away from completing the set for *Kabuki Medea*, a type of Japanese theatre which at the festival is performed in English by a troupe of former American students of a Japanese professor at the University of Illinois.

One floor down, in the Rebecca Crown theatre, the crew for an Israeli dance company is struggling into the new hall to put together the complex lighting needed for the three dancers who that evening will fill the big stage with a presence much larger than their three slight frames.

Upstairs, the festival management convenes for half an hour. They discuss some technical problems. The awesome, hanging and mobile trampoline set for *Yerma* arrived late, took all weekend to set up and was only finally working properly a few minutes before the curtain was to rise on Saturday night.

The striking of the set also took more time than was expected and though the festival has not lost pace with the planned schedule, there is a sense that they hovered for a moment or two during the weekend at the edge of a precipice.

Tensions among the staff have not developed — or at least are not yet evident. Maybe it's because there's no time for fighting.

A dancer whose problems appear insurmountable, given the amount

of time until her performance that evening, seems to have chosen the Japanese professor's inner calm as her method of fighting off the panic that surely must have been dancing up and down her spinal cord in the late morning when she found that nothing was ready yet. Eight hours before her show.

Some Israeli performers are complaining quietly that the foreigners are getting more cooperation than the locals. The festival planners say that the Israelis seem to have much greater demands and expectations than the foreigners.

Some of the foreigners seem to regard any Israeli success at getting stages ready on time as proof that they are indeed in the Holy Land where miracles happen.

For a few minutes at least, the organizers' biggest apparent worry is that with all their technical successes, the elevator company still can't get the lift to work, and in a building five storeys high, that can be a big problem.

The Poles, with their macabre and morbid messages, are gone. Replacing them are two American troupes, each with a cross-cultural production: the Wisdom Bridge Theatre, midwesterners performing *kabuki*, and the Americans performing the first musical ever, a medieval Latin horn and drum show that's on at the City of David amphitheatre, an elegant pit built by the Crusaders.



Rudolf Sonneborn confers with Golda Meir during a conference in Jerusalem with American Jewish leaders in the early days of the state.

Sonneborn — the man who armed the underground

Rudolf Sonneborn, former vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America and the president of Materials for Israel, who died in New York on Sunday at 88, was a prominent industrialist who made a lasting contribution to the establishment and strengthening of the State of Israel.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Sonneborn, while a student at the Johns Hopkins University, joined the U.S. Navy in 1917 as a pilot. After his discharge, he graduated from Harvard and in 1920 he joined his uncle, Dr. Ferdinand Sonneborn, founder and president of the L. Sonneborn and Sons oil and chemicals concern in New York City.

Sonneborn was deeply interested in Jewish and Israeli affairs. It was in his house in July 1945 that David Ben-Gurion, Eliezer Kaplan, Ya'acov Dori and Reuven Shiloah asked a group of American Zionist leaders for immediate and large-scale financial aid for the underground Haganah.

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Growing conflict with Moslem fundamentalists

Ya'acov Lamdan reports on an ugly confrontation on an Egyptian university campus.



Sufis gather at a mosque in Cairo during the current holy month of Ramadan after dancing and chanting 'Allah' in the mystic belief that this will bring them closer to God. (AFP)

IT HAPPENED less than a month ago in the city of Aswan, city of the high dam in the south of Egypt. Dr. Abdul Rahman, the blind religious leader known for inciting the people, was preparing to speak at a religious rally in the square in front of a local mosque. Security forces, having had experience with this man's inflammatory manner decided to prevent his appearance.

This decision aroused the ire of the crowd that had gathered to hear the orator, and it refused to respond to the order to disperse. Instead, stones were thrown at the police who were forced to call for assistance. An altercation broke out between demonstrators and security forces who were forced to shoot at the feet of the demonstrators and to make many arrests. When things calmed down, it became known that 16 people had been injured and many others were being held for questioning. This event caused reverberations throughout Egypt.

In reaction to the events in Aswan, eight parliamentary supporters of the Moslem Brotherhood called a press conference and announced that there is likely to be an increase in this sort of violence unless the "Moslem Religious Law" is passed.

The events in Aswan and the reaction of the Egyptian public are not isolated incidents. They are part of a string of events which began during the term of the late President Anwar Sadat, murdered during a military parade on October 6, 1981 by fundamentalist extremists, members of the Jihad organization, who had infiltrated into the army.

Shocked by Sadat's assassination, the world paid little attention to ensuing events in Egypt, in particular to the riots which occurred in Asyut, in the south of Egypt. There, actual battles took place between armed Moslem groups, which believed that the Moslem's day had come, and army and police forces. These clashes resulted in several deaths and many arrests.

RECENTLY in the very same city of Asyut which had experienced violent clashes in 1981, things have happened which are causing deep concern to the security forces. As is often the case, trouble began at the local university.

In a break between classes on March 9, Tarik Seri and Hamid Mari, both fourth year students, were chatting leisurely to a couple of coeds. Suddenly, they were approached by a group of Moslem radicals, grabbed by the collar and warned not to commit immoral and indecent acts again.

Hamid, angered by this intrusion wanted to react immediately, but was calmed down by his friends and urged to return to class and let the matter rest. But the radicals were not about to let the matter rest, and when Hamid and Tarik left class a couple of hours later, they found the radicals waiting for them. The dispute was resumed and quickly turned into a raucous fist fight.

As the fight became more and

more violent, the radicals began kicking their adversaries. Within minutes, both Hamid and Tarik were pinned to the ground, the former suffering deep cuts in his back and shoulder and the latter with his stomach wide open. Both were bleeding profusely. Their attackers fled leaving their victims in a pool of blood.

Eventually, the victims were brought by fellow students to the

local hospital where both were admitted to the emergency room in critical condition. Tarik, in a more acute state, nearly died.

The following day, enraged students refused to go to class until receiving an audience with the university rector. The meeting was granted and the rector, in an attempt to calm the students, assured them a complete investigation of the event would be conducted and the perpet-

rators punished. With these promises, the students agreed to resume their studies.

Three days later, there was still total silence on the part of the administration, and the perpetrators of the violence still roamed the campus freely. The school was shocked out of its inactivity by the sudden appearance on campus of a van of angry screaming villagers. Out of the van spilled a mob consisting of fami-

ly and friends of the victims seeking vengeance. They came equipped with crude farm tools ready for action. It was clear that they would stop at nothing short of tearing the building apart and lynching the criminals unless something was done immediately. Under threat, the authorities finally informed the police, who arrested the radical students who had wounded Hamid and Tarik.

These arrests, though they calmed the kin of the victims, set off a wave of angry protest by radical Moslem students. They began holding propaganda meetings during class hours and defending the action of their friends. They claimed that the injured students had brought violence upon themselves by their immoral activities, and that they deserved everything that had happened to them. There was no room for remorse.

THUS BEGAN an open campaign on the part of the Moslem extremists. Their presence was felt everywhere as they virtually created a regime of terror on the campus. Boys and girls became fearful of holding conversations publicly, or of even greeting one another. Parties and gatherings were crashed by ruffians who smashed everything in sight. A particular target of their wrath was musical instruments, viewed as a source of sin.

Off campus, boys and girls on bus trips often found their buses besieged and the girls forcefully removed and accused of immorality.

This reign of terror extended to faculty members too. One faculty member, an esteemed professor, was strolling on campus with his wife, also a university employee. Suddenly they were surrounded by a band of extremists who accused the professor of talking to a woman. When the professor claimed the woman was his wife, he was asked to produce proof. The startled professor produced his I.D. card. Not satisfied, the ruffians demanded the wife's card as well. When she claimed it had been left in her office she was told to fetch it. This demand angered the professor who refused to allow his wife to return to her office. Thereupon, the professor was beaten and left on the university lawn. He was later informed anonymously that if he dared report the event to the authorities, he would endanger his life and that of his family. Since then he has been living in constant fear, keeping a watchful eye whenever he ventures out.

When asked to comment, the rector defensively claimed that the university was not equipped to handle these matters. In a later interview, the deputy rector admitted that the university officials were afraid to confront the perpetrators of violence.

Thus, terror has a free hand and students, faculty and administrators cower at the University of Asyut. There is growing fear among the general population that this phenomenon, now limited to a provincial area, may soon spread to other cities throughout Egypt.

Rebel Kurds trouble Iraq

SUBHY HADDAD / Baghdad



IRAQ'S problem with its Kurdish minority has been brought into focus again with the brief capture of a strategic northern town by rebels who, Baghdad says, were led by a former government supporter.

Autonomy-seeking Kurds have been a headache to successive governments in Baghdad, and, since the start of the Gulf war in 1980, Iranian-backed rebels have harassed Iraqi forces in mountainous Kurdistan.

Kurdish tribal chief Jaafar Besecki led a revolt last month in the town of Mungesh, which he had formerly controlled with Baghdad's support, and held it for three days, a ruling Baath Party official told reporters.

The official, Mohammed Hamza, linked Besecki with Iranian-backed Kurdish rebel leader Masoud Barzani and branded him a troublemaker who "kept refusing to send his men to fight on the Gulf war front."

Hamza said Mungesh, a town of more than 2,000 about 40 km. south of the Turkish border, was retaken by troops and loyal Kurds. He said no Barzani fighters had entered the town, and that Besecki had been detained.

In Iran, a spokesman for Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) said its fighters held Mungesh for 10 days before withdrawing on May 24, with some local officials, in order to avoid civilian losses.

The mainly-Christian town, about 1,000 metres above sea level, is in terrain unsuited to conventional warfare. It is only 50 km. from Iraq's main oil export pipeline and on a main road used to bring goods and oil into Iraq from Turkey.

During the Gulf war, both sides have used Kurds in enemy territory to harass authorities.

IRAQ has denied a KDP claim that Iranian-backed Kurdish guerrillas control 12,000 square km. of northern Iraq from the Iranian to the Syrian borders.

Barzani is the son of Mulla Mustapha Barzani, who led Iraq's estimated three million Kurds - about 15 per cent of the country's total population - in a struggle for autonomy over four decades. He died in exile in the U.S. in 1979.

When Mulla Mustapha Barzani's rebellion failed, thousands of his followers fled to Iran, which, under spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, went to war with Iraq in 1980.

Later, Baghdad formed paramilitary "light battalions" with Kurds traditionally opposed to Barzani followers.

According to unofficial estimates, there are between 150,000 and 250,000 Kurds aged 18 and older in

the battalions. They are armed with light machine-guns, rocket-propelled grenades and hand grenades.

The battalions are an adjunct to Iraq's 650,000-strong paramilitary popular army, headed by First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, which supports the regular army. Battalion members are exempted from army conscription.

Each battalion, of between 400 and 1,000 men in tribal dress, is headed by a tribal chief, while an Iraqi officer helps to coordinate relations between each unit and the army.

Chai Diwaly Duski, a leader of the Kurdish Duski tribe, numbering some 60,000 in the Mungesh area, including about 150 villages, told Reuters:

"I left my profession as a lawyer and joined the light battalions to defend my homeland against Iranian aggressors and traitors (anti-government guerrillas)."

Chai, a member of Iraq's National Assembly, is a cousin of Jaafar Besecki, who staged the mutiny in Mungesh. Chai and another relative, Lezzin Fariq Duski, now lead light battalions in the town.

Iraq's Kurds are among a total ethnic population estimated at up to 25 million in east and southeast Turkey, northwest Iran, Syria, Lebanon and the Soviet Union. They have a tradition of resistance to central government.

The Iraqi government ended nearly two decades of Kurdish insurgency following a 1975 treaty with Iran, under which the late shah withdrew support for Barzani.

In 1977, the Kurdistan Autonomous Region in northern Iraq was formed, with three governorates and an elected legislative council, which has an independent budget for all expenditure except defence.

The council, elected for a two-year term, coordinates with central government in Baghdad to appoint an executive council whose members, called secretary-generals, enjoy ministerial authority. (Reuters)

LETTERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS EDITOR

'Israeli Arabs not willing to be second-class citizens'

Dear Sir,
ONCE I read (and explained) to my students Robert Southey's poem, *The Battle of Blenheim*. A 15-year-old girl commented: How ridiculous! I believe, sir, that a day will come when our young students, Arab and Jewish alike, will look back at our disputes and wars and sneer: How ridiculous.

And if my words are a little bit harsh, it's because I believe that, "liberty is the right to tell people what they don't want to hear."

For more than 40 years, statesmen and public-opinion shapers have been distorting the facts about the Israeli Arabs, until these distortions have become myths rooted deep in the public mind. Today the Arabs of Israel are regarded as traitors, extremists and potential terrorists. Political parties (not the Kach movement only) and public figures openly and unashamedly incite against them and call on the government to deal harshly with them. Many Jewish citizens do not differentiate between

them and the rest of the Palestinians, an attitude that calls into question their very existence in this country.

For an Israeli Arab, to challenge this myth is to risk finding himself charged by the majority of the people of Israel with being an enemy of the State of Israel. As a result, today it is almost a "mission impossible" to have an Arab-Jewish dialogue. Nobody, it seems, needs or is interested in learning from any Arab about the Arabs, when so many Arab experts - Israeli Jews who understand the Arab "mentality" - are available. Occasionally an Arab is handicapped by an Arabist to confirm his theory. The slightest deviation from the agreed-upon script immediately results in his disqualification. The different opinion, when uttered by an Arab, is totally intolerable.

Nevertheless, the subject is worth the risk. Not only the future of the region, but perhaps the future of the whole world is at stake. This future is as much ours as it is anybody else's. Peaceful coexistence, human dignity

and a better life are dear to us, no less than they are to anybody else. Hence I feel morally obliged to speak my mind and to relate the facts as they are seen from the Arab side.

ACQUISITION of additional territory has always been the main goal of the Zionist movement (although some Zionist parties and groups have adapted themselves to new realities, as can be seen in Mapam, CRM and the Peace Now movement). Israel, by the Law of Return, is not the state of its inhabitants only, but also of about 10 million Jews still living in the Diaspora. In 40 years Israel has absorbed more than three million immigrants. Newcomers arrive in Israel every year. To absorb them (together with potential newcomers) additional land is needed.

The only additional land available belongs (or used to belong) to the Arabs. As long as these were a class of mindless, immobile and obedient objects (there were 120,000 of them in Israel after the 1948 war) they were sidestepped and ignored, but anyhow tolerated. Because as such, and living under a cruel military government, the 120,000 Arabs showed but the slightest resistance when their land was confiscated or expropriated.

But for four decades the Arabs have been undergoing tremendous changes. Today they are more educated, more sophisticated and more self-conscious. They will not accept the fate of being second-class citizens and be content as such. They will not accept that their towns and villages only be places of residence, with no resources or enterprises. They will not accept that their town and villages remain without public libraries, youth and cultural centres, sewage systems and master plans.

They will not accept and be contented with merely being "of" without really belonging "to" the state whose citizens they are. They resent being referred to, and subsequently treated, not as citizens but merely as a demographic problem. And last but not least, they are determined to keep their land - or more correctly, what is left of it.

FOR THE 700,000 Israeli Arabs, the thought of ending up in sky-high ghettos is, to say the least, nightmarish. A thorough and objective analysis of the Israeli Arabs' behaviour will, undoubtedly, reveal a sincere and ever growing desire to be part of, and integrated in, the State of Israel.

And this is exactly what the racists

and the nationalists are determined to prevent, at any cost. Not law, democracy, or the Declaration of Independence will deter them from preventing the Arabs from acquiring equal status in the Jewish state. The only status the Arabs are entitled to is the status quo ante. One Kach leader at his movement's conference described the Arabs as follows: "They used to be meek, obedient servants and always paid homage to the Jews. They never dared address a Jew except with, 'Yes, Sir! At your disposal, Sir!' They (the leftists and the intellectuals) corrupted them."

RIGHT FROM the beginning the Jews looked at their Arab fellow citizens with suspicion. They did not know what to expect of them. To ensure that they remained quiet and presented no threat to its plans, Israel put them in a military government prison. And although the military government was abolished a long time ago, "Arabists" and nationalists seized every opportunity to emphasize that this act was not irreversible by any means.

Extremism, enmity to the state and acts of terror not only would bring back the military government, but would be catastrophic to the Arabs. In this respect catastrophe has but one meaning: expulsion. We

must keep in mind that many Jews here and abroad had never abandoned the idea of a "clean Israel." Many others think that granting equal rights to the Arabs is contradictory to the uniqueness of the Jewish people.

Seven years of Likud rule provided an ideal environment for an ever-growing corps of fascists, racists and anti-Arabs. In order to disguise their real aims and not disturb the tranquility of the Jewish consciousness, the Arabs were portrayed as extremists, traitors and potential terrorists - a cynical fiction of Kafkaesque subtlety. The symbol of extremism in the Arab sector is the Progressive Movement for Peace. This is a lie with a catch - because if true, more than 3,000 Zionist and non-Zionist Jews must be extremists, traitors and collaborators. One can agree or disagree with its platform, but any talk of symmetry between it and the Kach movement is hypocritical. Aluf Hareven of Jerusalem's Van Leer Institute said in a recent interview on Gali Zabal, the army radio: "I went to the General Security Service's headquarters in Jerusalem and asked them: Is it true that 99.9 per cent of the Israeli Arabs are loyal and law-abiding citizens? The answer was: Yes."

TRUE, a handful of Israeli Arabs have carried out terrorist acts, killing and wounding innocent people. These acts caused as much pain to the Arabs as they did to the Jews. We not only denounce these acts, but we demand capital punishment for all criminals who commit cruel crimes.

Finally, we are entitled to and determined to get equal rights in return for equal obligations. Nothing else will suffice for us. And we are not alone. The president is with us, the prime minister is with us and the Speaker of the Knesset is with us. Those to whom democracy and human dignity are dear are with us. Sizeable segments of the Jewish people are with us. Reasons of Jewish morality are on our side. We shall overcome.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir:
I do not want to express my opinion of the review of my book, *Occupier's Law* published in the Middle East page on May 20, 1986 under the title, "Palestinian View of the Occupation." I only wish to correct two factual errors that appeared in the article.

First, the department established by Order 569 for the Registration of Special Land Transactions (this is the title of the order) is indeed secret. I was not attempting to be dramatic or to give the matter a description which it does not deserve.

I have myself ascertained that this newly created department is secret by going in the course of my work with a client and asking to have access to the records pertaining to land which he claimed rights over. I was not allowed access.

Had the intention of the military in passing Order 569 not been sinister, why did they create in the first place a new land registration department "for special transactions," when there was already in existence since Turkish times a land registration department called Tabu?

I do not like this situation and would have preferred if it were

Question of objectivity

otherwise, but what I described in the book is the way things are, sinister as they may be. I stand by what I wrote. This special land registration department is secret and it does not become less so if access to it is allowed to the privileged few.

The second error concerns my supposed neglect of the "positive side of Israeli legal action in the West Bank." The 1980 order extending the Jordanian Education and Culture Law to "recognize West Bank Universities," which Mr. Jourard refers to, is Military Order 854. I have, in fact, discussed this order and its implications at length in *Occupier's Law*.

Order 854 is among the well-known orders passed by the military, because it was the subject of debate over a long period of time in 1982, when it was condemned by many Israelis and even by U.S. officials.

Apparently Mr. Jourard did not know that when the military boasted of their positive contribution to law in the West Bank they were referring to Order 854. Had he known this he would not have used this example.

Order 854 is among the better-known orders. There were prolonged discussions of its implications and especially the request by the military that foreign teachers sign the political document stating that they are against the PLO. Even Mr. Shultz expressed his opinion on the matter and in fact 854 is among the few military orders that are not enforced. Even if my assumption about the ignorance of Mr. Jourard about 854 were incorrect, he should have checked the law before citing it. Had he done so he would have realized that it is a law that applies to elementary and secondary schools.

The status of universities can never be advanced by having a law intended for the elementary and secondary levels of education apply to institutions of higher learning. The degrees which the universities were giving were recognized long before 854 was conceived.

Credit should not be given where credit is not due. Mr. Jourard bent over backwards too far to appear evenhanded. One's allegiance to truth must be the overriding consid-

eration. I do not believe my book perverts it.

RAJA SHEHADEH, Attorney

Ramallah.

Ron Jourard replies: Order 569 provides for the registration of transactions involving state land and land seized for military purposes. In practice however it is used exclusively for the latter.

Until 1978, West Bank settlements were established on land seized for military purposes. The ownership of such land was not affected by the seizure order. The military commander has no property rights, only a right, based in international law, to hold the land as long as military needs so justify. When those needs expire, possession must revert to the owner. Any settlers who live on the land have no property rights, and therefore, nothing need be registered in the Tabu (Land Registry).

The real question, of course, is whether the establishment of civilian settlements is required by military necessity.

The Middle East page is edited by Yehuda Litani

Despite ministry control of commissions — Airlines refuse to lower their summer ticket rates

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Aviation Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Transport Ministry officials smarting from the refusal by the airlines to lower their summer fares in return for government help in reducing their costs here, are now waiting for the carriers to seek government approval for their winter prices.

Earlier this year Transport Minister Haim Corfu had signed regulations providing for up to six months in jail for an agent or airline selling tickets below the official rate. The ministry said at the time that the measure was designed to clean up the market following cut-throat competition and that the airlines had undertaken to reciprocate by reducing fares.

The measures have been effective. Agents are now very careful when approached by new customers. Some who were not careful enough were caught by private detectives and must now pay the airlines in cash for their tickets, rather than have a stock in their offices, to be filled out and paid for as they are sold.

Yesterday the second step in the programme took effect, when some

carriers stopped paying agents enlarged commissions. Thus El Al, Lufthansa, Swissair, Austrian Airlines, TWA and others, which together account for about 80 per cent of the traffic, now give agents only the 9 per cent prescribed by IATA, the International Air Transport Association.

Airlines which have difficulties attracting passengers — for example because they fly to "unpopular" cities — have reduced their extra commissions. Instead of paying agents 25-30 per cent more than the official IATA commission, they pay only five or six per cent more.

This means that the airline's costs here have come down. But the airlines did not reduce their summer fares. Lufthansa said it always paid only the nine per cent commissions, so it hardly benefited.

Elie Messer, Austrian Airlines' senior representative and a spokesman for the panel of airline Representatives here, said that the European air carriers get 30 to 37 per cent less than last year, in terms of their own currencies, because the rate of the dollar has dropped. Thus, in effect they already give a reduction.

Young Jerusalemite makes it big on New York fashion scene

By GREEK FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Another Israeli emigrant has, like Nakash of Jordache jeans fame, made it on the New York fashion scene. Jerusalem-born, 34-year-old Eli Tahari, who arrived in New York in 1971, worked as an electrician, and slept on park benches because he couldn't afford a room, is in Israel this week as Kolbo Shalom's choice for the keynote fashion collection of its American Fashion Night. Today, he heads a multi-million-dollar fashion empire.

Tahari first worked as an electrician in New York's garment district, where he became interested in fashion and took a night job working in a boutique. He soon opened his own boutique, and developed a knack for design. He started out with \$2-blouses. Today his dresses retail for between \$200 and \$300 and his suits from \$300-400. His annual turnover is around \$40 million.

Tahari, who manufactures in New York, Hongkong and Korea, wants to move 20 per cent of his production to Israel.

He has been negotiating with the shirt- and sportswear-manufacturer, Lahav, for local production facilities. Nothing has been signed yet. Tahari has a long-range plan to pro-



Eli Tahari.

duce a winter collection in New York and a summer collection in Israel, and ship merchandise in both directions.

Last week he attended two benefit fashion shows, to help the radiology department at Sheba Hospital.

Several people have asked him during his visit here if he will be coming home for good. Tahari, who hasn't been here for three years, replied that the dream of every Israeli living abroad, no matter how successful, is to come home. "I'm here for four days and I'm completely revitalized," he exclaimed.

Norway's \$68b. European gas deal requires \$8b. investment

STAVANGER (Reuters). — Norway yesterday clinched a \$68 billion deal to sell gas for 27 years to a consortium of Western European buyers, the state oil company Statoil said.

Statoil spokesman Willy Olsen told a news conference in this western port: "The agreement will secure for Norway an increased share of the European market for years to come."

Statoil said deliveries of gas from the North Sea Troll and Sleipner fields will begin about 1993, and the contract with the buying consortium, led by West Germany's Ruhrgas, involves the sale of about 400 billion cubic metres of natural gas. The agreement is with buyers from West Germany, the Netherlands, France and Belgium, but talks continue with other nations too.

The Norwegians have faced stiff

competition from the Soviet Union and Algeria, which have abundant supplies of cheaper gas, but industry sources said Norway's position as a secure western ally had been an important factor.

The agreement will mean over 60b. crowns (\$8b.) of new investment for Norway, which already provides 24 per cent of gas consumed in Western Europe.

The Troll field will be one of the deepest to be commercially developed. Platforms will be about 450 metres tall from the seabed to the top of the rigs, demanding immense expensive technology. Part of the contract involves building a 1,100km. pipeline on the seabed from the fields to Zeebrugge in Belgium. West German and Dutch supplies will be transported through existing pipelines to Emden, West Germany.

Price control ends for contact lenses, pet food

Price controls were removed from dozens of industrial products yesterday as part of an ongoing process designed to leave only a select group of products under supervision.

Price controls on products manufactured by branches with little competition, or defined as monopolies and cartels, will remain in force.

Yesterday's step removed controls from prepared salads, pet food, shampoos, leather clothing, contact lenses and eyeglass frames, among others.

Saudi Arabia discusses wheat sales to Europe

KUWAIT (Reuters). — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd was quoted yesterday as saying the European Community had discussed buying Saudi wheat and some had already been sold to Europe.

The EC, he said, "has discussed with us buying our surplus wheat. Indeed, Saudi wheat has already been exported to Italy and Greece, he told a Kuwaiti newspaper. "The Saudis said Saudi Arabia could never become an exporter, but we have proved them wrong."

Hammer Fund speakers: peace is achievable

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Peace is an achievable dream in the Middle East." Speaker after speaker reiterated this at the opening session of the Armand Hammer Fund for Economic Cooperation in the Middle East, held on the Tel Aviv University campus, Sunday night.

The theme was first taken up by President Chaim Herzog, who added that important steps along the path to peace had already been taken. Perhaps the peace with Egypt "was not exactly what we had hoped for," but there was peace, and most important, Israel was far on the way to becoming an integral part of the Middle East, which in itself was a great stride forward.

Dr. Armand Hammer sent a message regretting that he could not attend. (He was in Russia following the Chernobyl nuclear reactor mishap. University President Dr.

Moshe Many, who read the cable, also noted that progress towards peace was being made.

Perhaps the most encouraging notes about peace prospects were uttered by Sir Leslie Porter, chairman of the university's board of governors, and by Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, head of the Armand Hammer Fund, who noted that Hammer himself had been unusually lucky in everything he "touched."

Hammer had become a "liaison" between capitalist America and communist Russia because he believed they could cooperate, and the establishment of the fund bearing his name was an indication that he thought Israel and its three neighbours, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon could reach a state of peace and economic cooperation.

Gad Ya'acobi, minister of economy and planning, noted that peace would allow the joint development and use of ports, agriculture,

educational systems, and water resources. Ben-Shahar said that within ten years after a peace treaty was signed between Israel and its three neighbours the GNP of Israel would grow by 27 per cent, that of the Arab countries by 24 per cent, the standard of living of Israel would be 18 per cent higher and that of the three Arab countries, 15 per cent higher.

Ya'acobi also pointed out that calculations showed that the Middle East countries had wasted one thousand billion dollars in making war.

Lebanon pound hits 7th record low in two weeks

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese pound sank to a record low — its seventh in two weeks — against the dollar yesterday amid sectarian violence and political uncertainty, dealers said.

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Government aid for Frutarom

By DAVID RUDGE
ACRE. — The government is prepared to help bail out the financially troubled Frutarom Electrochemicals Company. Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday.

But he made such aid conditional on the firm reaching an agreement with its other creditors, including its suppliers.

The company has long-term debts totalling \$48 million to government-owned and private banks. It also has overdue debts of nearly \$5m. to suppliers, including the Oil Refineries and the Israel Electric Corp.

Sharon made it clear that he would sanction rescheduling of payments on long-term debts owed to government-owned banks, providing Frutarom reached similar agreements with its other creditors.

Under the agreement, the company's main shareholder is required to inject \$1.6 million of working capital into the firm in return for gaining a controlling interest in Frutarom's subsidiary company in the bayside industrial zone. The subsidiary manufactures fragrances for the cosmetics industry and essences for the food trade.

Sharon said yesterday.

"The ministers feel that the price of \$28, although serving the organization's ultimate target, cannot be achieved until some time in the 1990s," the newsletter said.

Nicosia ministers aim for \$17-19 price per barrel

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Oil ministers from six Opec countries who met in Saudi Arabia a week ago have targeted \$17-19 per barrel as a range which would stabilize the oil market, the Nicosia-based Middle East Eco-

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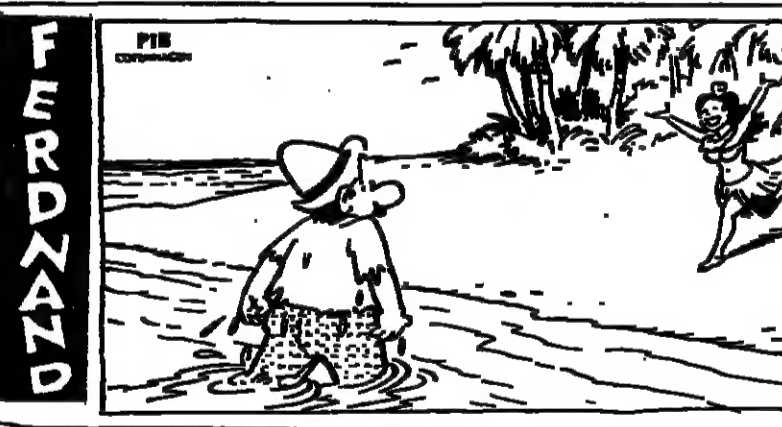
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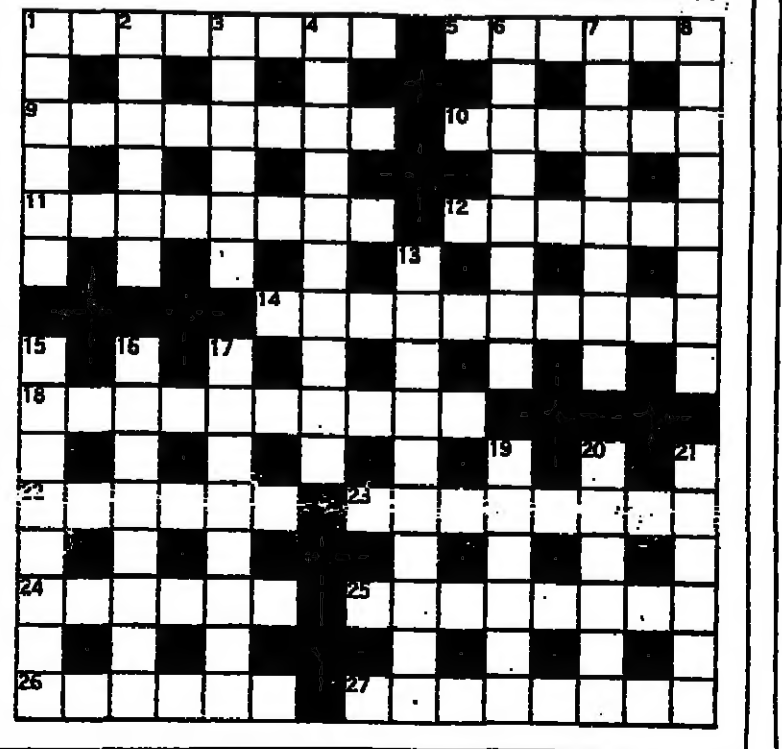
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ACROSS

- 1 Presented with more ties to be exchanged — so irritating! (8)
- 5 Mark the sailor, a six-footer (6)
- 9 The money only is material (8)
- 10 He's smashed up a small figure — and a larger one (6)
- 11 Delay that's to ensure elegant underwear (8)
- 12 Miss in the Civil Service comes to a conclusion (6)
- 14 Temporarily make off with pins and needles (10)
- 18 In time lead may be got rid of (10)
- 22 Desert a woman more readily (6)
- 23 Obstruct an attendant and there's a striking outcome (8)
- 24 It's nicer for German youngsters (6)
- 25 Trendy wrinkle — build an extension (8)
- 26 Made a home in the city's finest edifice (6)
- 27 Watch for funny repartee (8)

DOWN

- 1 Deal with ropes (6)
- 3 One's in a circle that's growing (6)
- 3 Totter when it's warm? (6)
- 4 Man of learning at war, ill-fitted for military command (7,3)
- 6 Taking tea with unsophisticated priest (8)
- 7 Leftist egghead writing on the wall "Plan again" (8)
- 8 Sweet but bovine look (5,3)
- 13 Regret peace aren't what's required here (10)
- 15 Capital investment supports the family (8)
- 16 The underworld looks after swells (6)
- 17 Cry for mercy when the mud's about dry (8)
- 19 Press a switch and get thin (6)
- 20 Virginia is incapable of being thoughtful (6)
- 21 Face two directions in turn (6)



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7.07 Cherubini: Horn Sonata No.2; Sarasate: "Carmen" Fantasy
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A timely warning

NEVER in the 38 years of Israel's existence was there so much public debate of economic policy as in 1985, the year of the Emergency Programme of Economic Stabilization, which is the central theme of the Bank of Israel's latest annual report.

It is not surprising therefore that the report contains little in the way of factual revelation, yet it solidifies the reputation of the central bank's research department as the country's best think-tank for the analysis of current economic policy. The report - departing Governor Moshe Mandelbaum's last - is thus an ideal starting point for a reassessment of the economic stabilization programme.

The major success is that the inflation rate has been reduced dramatically and that the foreign payments position has improved to the point where, for the first time, Israel has a surplus of \$1.1 billion in its current account. But these achievements are due to external factors, and may therefore be ephemeral.

The stabilization that has been achieved is of the inflation rate, not of the price level. An inflation of 18-24 per cent a year threatens to escalate again to a much higher level. For most of the improvement in the balance of payments, Israel can thank its lucky stars - meaning, primarily, the Stars and Stripes. The U.S. granted us emergency aid of \$1.5 billion (of which half was disbursed in 1985), the price of oil and commodities fell sharply, foreign interest rates went down, and the dollar was devalued against the other major currencies.

None of these blessings is likely to last. The same is true of the domestic contributions to stabilization. The sharp erosion of real wages was never planned to be more than temporary, and has by now been nearly made good. The planned budget cuts have only been partially implemented and have in any case mostly taken the form of increased taxes, thereby preventing prices from coming down. Defence spending has been pared down only temporarily, and will rise again.

The gains from the stabilization programme are substantial, but most of them will not recur. Time works against genuine recovery, because none of the gains have been used to set in motion a process of renewed economic growth and structural change. The furious debate opened some four months ago by Premier Shimon Peres over the renewal of growth died with the promised rescue of Kupat Holim and Solel Boneh, as the cynics predicted at the time it would. The prime minister, who can rightfully claim much of the credit for the achievements that have been attained, seems to have lost interest in the next stage of development. His deputy and successor, Yitzhak Shamir, is bound to take even less interest now in economics than he did when the Likud let Yoram Aridor run the country into the ground.

It is five minutes to twelve for using the present fortuitous external circumstances and the solid gains that have been made at home to put the economy on a growth path again. There are framework reforms to be carried out which suffer no delay. We need, as the Bank of Israel report suggests, however vaguely, a thorough reform of the tax system. We need a thorough wage reform. We need zero budgeting and an overhaul of the entire ossified structure of public administration, enterprise and expenditure.

In the short term we need to boost productive investment, public as well as private. The theory that modernization and higher productivity can be obtained without investment is wishful thinking. The obsession with fiscal and monetary stringency, to the exclusion of everything else, will not lead to lasting economic recovery. And the time and resources for following up such stabilization as has been achieved through the stabilization programme are running out.

Israel's safe image

TOURISM to Israel is in crisis again. Travellers from abroad to this country in droves for fear of Arab terrorist action, both in the air and on land. Memories are still fresh of the disaster on board the El Al airliner that was averted only minutes before take-off from Heathrow airport. Americans' fear of flying across the Atlantic affects tourism in Europe, too, but Europeans are themselves inclined to put off trips to Israel.

What, if anything, can be done to counteract this tendency? The obvious thing to do is to try to assure potential visitors that the danger is minuscule and not worth their worrying about. The tourism minister, Avraham Sharir, is in the U.S. right now, for the third time in six months, mobilising all his powers of persuasion to convince Americans that Israel is a perfectly safe place to visit.

In support of his thesis, Mr. Sharir should be able to quote the testimony of 13 mayors from the U.S., Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and Norway who attended the seventh annual Jerusalem Conference of Mayors last month. Basing themselves on their own personal experience, the mayors offered this counsel to colleagues, friends and fellow citizens: "There are many good reasons to travel to Israel, and concern for safety is not a reason to stay away."

The tourism minister might also point out to Americans that it is far safer for them to travel abroad than to stay home. That same observation was just made by Britain's newly designated ambassador to Washington, Sir Anthony Acland, in an address to the American Chamber of Commerce in London. It holds true, of course, for Europeans as well.

But the fact must be faced that such tourism propaganda can have only a limited effect. New Yorkers know that there is an exceedingly dangerous city to live in, but they take that danger in stride while a harmless explosion in Jerusalem reported in *The New York Times* may scare even Jews among them out of their wits. They also probably know, or if they don't Mr. Sharir will tell them, that terrorism at airports and on air carriers has been far less responsible for loss of life than mishaps due to pilot error or to faulty equipment. But it is still aviation terrorism that is engraved on their minds, and will not readily fade away.

So for the time being the tourism industry should - again, for this sort of crisis is fairly recurring - tighten its belt, wait patiently until the current panic disappears, and in the meantime do more to woo Israelis into filling vacant rooms in the country's hotels.



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Arie Gurel
Mayor of Haifa

Unseemly haste

BENNY MORRIS

LATE LAST week, Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared repeatedly that during the three or four months of pondering the General Security Services affair, he had turned down suggestions both that he fire GSS chief Avraham Shalom and, alternatively, that he dismiss Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir.

Removing the GSS head without any but *prima facie* evidence of any crime was unfair to a man who had served his country long and faithfully, and might damage the GSS. To dismiss Zamir would be damaging to the spirit of the rule of law, said Peres. The implication of Peres's statements was that he would fire neither man now, or in the near future.

Less than four days later, the prime minister was party to the decision to replace, or at the very least willingly acquiesced in the replacement of Zamir, by Yosef Harish, a Tel Aviv District Court judge.

Zamir had made things easy for the inner cabinet ministers, led by Peres and Foreign Minister Shamir, who have doggedly opposed his insistence that the GSS chief and several of his top aides be investigated - by police or judicial commission - for alleged lies and suborning of witnesses and tampering with evidence connected with the deaths of the two captured terrorists from the Tel Aviv-Ashkelon bus hijacking of April 1984.

Back in February, Zamir had announced his intention to step down the moment a replacement was found. But once the GSS affair burst into the open, he has made it clear that he wanted to see the investigation he had already ordered through to a certain irreversible stage. If the ministers had managed to wait for more than three months to find a replacement, they could wait several more weeks, until justice, as Zamir sees things, was set on its course. But Peres, Shamir and Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i opposed an investigation.

Efforts to persuade Zamir to drop the case, to sweep it under the rug and to withdraw his instruction to investigate, all failed. Peres and Moda'i found the continued deadlock with Zamir untenable. Firing Zamir - for that is what has happened in all but the formal sense - was seen as the only way out. Hence the appointment of Harish.

MODA'I DECLARED on Sunday that there was no connection be-

tween the change of attorney-generals and the GSS affair. But everything about the manner of the switch smells of major irregularities.

The unseemly haste of the process is unprecedented in Israeli history. Most of the ministers learned of it during the cabinet meeting on Sunday morning at which, for the first time, they also heard the name of Moda'i's candidate.

It is the justice minister's prerogative to select a candidate for the attorney-generalship and to submit his name to the cabinet for approval. But never in the country's history have the ministers not known in advance, and discussed, and informally approved, a candidacy before it was brought to the cabinet for formal approval.

Most of the ministers knew nothing about Harish or his merits as compared with those of other potential candidates before approving him as attorney-general. Most knew about him only from the one-page stencilled biography hastily prepared and distributed by the cabinet secretariat in the course of Sunday's session, minutes before they raised their hands. And the selection was made by Moda'i, a justice minister only weeks in office, still largely unacquainted with the country's judicial systems and personalities.

ZAMIR HIMSELF was told of his imminent replacement only a few minutes before the cabinet session. He was not consulted about it, nor, as is usual, was his advice sought (though previously he had proposed as candidates one or two experienced Justice Ministry colleagues).

Bowing to the cabinet's right to replace him, Zamir went without struggling. He opted for civility, propriety and seamliness. He thanked Peres for years of joint endeavour, and expressed confidence (without knowing the man) in his successor's ability to handle the job.

The "smooth" changeover session was a boon for the ministers, and they cashed in on it to the hilt - with Peres, former justice minister Moshe Nissim and Moda'i all bizzarrily praising Zamir's "excellence," "courage" and "conscience." Moda'i, at the meeting, asked that the changeover take place that morning, apparently without giving

Harish any time to learn the ropes before assuming office.

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein, well aware of the unseemliness of the proceedings, and their motive, sought at least a fortnight's postponement. But Peres, Shamir and Moda'i were not having any. Peres gave it three days and that was that.

One cannot avoid the suspicion that the three-day postponement - and no more - was streamlined to synchronize with the return to the country tomorrow or Wednesday of Police Inspector-General David Kraus, in whose safe is lodged Zamir's instruction to investigate the GSS heads. With Zamir out of the picture, Kraus will not have to set the investigation in motion automatically.

ONE CAN ONLY wonder at ministers like Rubinstein, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman for not opposing the appointment or loudly proclaiming their suspicions that it is "political" in the worst sense of the word.

All understand - and this seems to have been the main point of Zamir's hasty replacement - that the new attorney-general will now have to take some time (weeks? months?) to study the affair and the material, and to decide whether to proceed with the police investigation, whether to seek an alternative type of investigation or whether to drop the case altogether. Harish has a reputation for slowness in delivering judgments, a reputation that may not have escaped those who selected him as candidate.

The Peres-Moda'i stroke has given the inner cabinet ministers opposed to an investigation several weeks in which to persuade Harish to drop the case or to find a way out that will ruffle as few GSS feathers as possible, in the name of state security. More generally, they have replaced a man committed to investigate the GSS thoroughly, until justice is done, by an unknown quantity, which gives the ministers at least a fighting chance at exercising successful persuasion.

One can only hope that Harish will show devotion to the law and justice, and confound the possible intentions of those who installed him in office in such unseemly haste.

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Dry Bones



Racism - a red herring

AVNER TOMASCHOFF

THE BILL against racist incitement might as well be heading for the dung heap - where it rightfully belongs. The very insinuation that legislation is called for in this country to stem an insidious process of Hitlerization is as odious as it is insane. It is odious in its implicit attenuation of the Holocaust. After all, if the Jews themselves could sink that low, unless checked by law in good time, then their execution of history's most heinous monstrosity begins to pale.

Is not this a betrayal of the masses of Jewish victims, whose split blood continues to cry out to us from the depths of the earth? If we could do so little to save them in their agony, then at least let us preserve their sacred memory uncompromised.

The charge of racism in the Jewish-Arab context is insane in its topsy-turvy construction of reality. For it is the Jews who have been incessantly exposed to incitement and violence in this country, indiscriminately *qua* Jews. It is not the Arab who cannot pass freely throughout much of this country without risking a coward's knife in his back, a flying rock in his windshield, a booby trap at his bus stop, and much worse.

Even the most radical of Jewish nationalists have yet to match the Arab battle cry *etbah al Yahud* (slaughter the Jews!) and *deyhoun* (get at them!), under which so many innocent Jewish men, women and children have suffered the cruellest death on these shores - for the greater glory of Allah. This is the substance of the "armed struggle" currently waged by the "sole legitimate representative" of the entire Palestinian Arab community - the PLO.

There is something distinctly Kafkaesque in the presentation of a bill whereby the victim cries out for the protection of his assailant. Arab society as a whole, if not vociferously welcoming the wretches of Lamaka and Achille Lauro as glorious heroes, greets their blood-curdling atrocities with thundering silence. Is it not most natural for this abysmal omission to evoke utter disgust and revulsion in anyone whose moral sensibilities have not suffered total erosion?

To equate such sentiments with racism is bizarre, to say the least. One may join this writer in admiring eight centuries of scintillating Arab culture and yet detest a society whose human standards have fallen below the minimum of civilized existence. Furthermore, in its primary connotation, racism denotes the myth of a "superior" race charged with the physical elimination, and not mere relocation, of the "lower" races. It is in this context that the odious Nuremberg laws were designed to operate.

NO SUCH doctrine even begins to emerge among Jews in Israel. However striking, therefore, an outward analogy may be detected between the Nuremberg formulas and the spoutings and stunts of whatever passes here as the radical right, the two are about as related as water is to whisky or polished brass to gold.

To warn us, as the self-styled guardians of our moral fibre do, that Europe's archfiend likewise entered the political arena as but a stuntman, is tantamount to presenting all circus clowns as potential Hitlers. The fallacy is too glaring to need spelling out. Significantly enough, no one ever applies the category of racism to such ethnic collisions as the Turco-Greek conflict in Cyprus and innumerable other such tussles the world over.

The drumming up of the anti-racism bogey in the context of the Arab-Jewish confrontation appears to be part of the befuddlement of those unable to shed their existential Jewish guilt feelings by more wholesome means. The confusion generated by these chronic self-flagellants has left its mark on those committed to the preservation of Judaism as well.

Instead of blandly exposing the fatuity and redundancy of the bill against racial incitement, they allowed themselves to be hoodwinked into a trumped up debate on the history and character of normative Jewish doctrine. It has nothing to do with the campaign in question.

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READERS' LETTERS

ABORTION ON DEMAND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In regard to visiting sociologist Ann Oakley's support for abortion on demand (Today, May 25) I believe that ideas like this have no place in Israel or within the Jewish people as a whole.

Number one: we lost one million children during the Holocaust and countless others throughout our history.

Number two: Israel's current birth rate is behind that of the Arab birth rate. If this continues, we will soon be faced with a demographic and political problem that could be very difficult to solve while still maintaining a democratic foundation.

Number three: there are thousands of Israeli couples who are waiting to adopt children. Because of the lack of babies to adopt in Israel, they are being forced to get infants from Brazil, and not always legally, nor, I am sure, are the babies Jewish.

Number four: the Jewish birth rate in America is now under zero population growth. That means we

are not even replacing ourselves in the United States.

There is no reason why there should be abortion among the Jewish people - except to save the life of the mother. And the liberal reading of the law which has allowed abortion in the case of mental anguish should not apply when there is a couple ready and willing to adopt the child.

Giving birth to the child would reap more positive benefits than having the abortion. The natural mother would not have to raise a child she didn't want in the first place; a couple looking to adopt would be able to do so; the Jewish people could better fight the tide of assimilation; a demographically strong Israel would not have to worry about losing its democratic character.

Dr. Oakley, take your "abortion on demand" somewhere else; for us, the Jewish people, it is "destruction on demand."

CHAYA WEINSTEIN
Hatzor Haglilit.

SUBLINE INJUNCTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - It was with great interest that I read Abraham Rabinovich's report on the annual convention of the Orthodox B'nei Akiva movement, where the Torah injunction, "Love thy neighbour as thyself," was constructively voiced.

This injunction in Leviticus 19:18 is, of course, one of the finest and most famous in all the Bible, if unfortunately seldom observed. But even finer, if less famous and even less observed, is the injunction in the same chapter (19:34) "Thou shalt love him" (i.e. the stranger) "as thyself."

It is time the leaders of Israel, both

religious and secular, blazoned far and wide this sublime injunction in verse 34 of Leviticus, for the evil most rampant in the world today is xenophobia, responsible for so much misery in all parts of the globe, and threatening the destruction of humanity.

SAMUEL SOLOMON
London.

THE RIFT BETWEEN SECULAR AND HAREDI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to Yosef Goell's article of May 9, "Orthodox Zionists fight back," according to which the late Gerer Rebbe took a firm stand against aliyah. This is not true.

Hundreds of religious Polish families, many included, arrived here in the 1920s and early 30s at the urging of the Gerer Rebbe. Even today, not only is aliyah encouraged (I have brought my entire family of nine back to Israel after a long stay in the U.S.), but housing for these *haredim* has been developed in "secular" areas such as Hatzor, Haifa, Arad, Ashdod and others.

Such misstatements do not contribute to fostering understanding and tolerance between the various sectors of our population, but exacerbate the rift between secular and *haredim* in Israel.

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